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To the Most High and Mighty PRINCE,

JAMES,

By the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

The Translators of the BIBLE wish Grace, Mercy, and Peace, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

GREAT and manifold were the blessings, most dread Sovereign, which Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of *England*, when first he sent Your Majesty's Royal Person to rule and reign over us. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our *Sion*, that, upon the setting of that bright *Occidental Star*, Queen *Elizabeth*, of most happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would so have overshadowed this land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk, and that it should hardly be known who was to direct the unsettled State; the appearance of Your Majesty, as of the *Sun* in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists, and gave unto all that were well affected exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the Government established in Your Highness, and Your hopeful Seed, by an undoubted Title; and this also accompanied with peace and tranquillity at home and abroad.

But, among all our joys, there was no one that more filled our hearts, than the blessed continuance of the preaching of God's sacred Word among us; which is that inestimable treasure which excelleth all the riches of the earth; because the fruit thereof extendeth itself, not only to the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above in heaven.

Then, not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up, and to continue it in that state wherein the famous Predecessor of Your Highness did leave it; nay, to go forward with the confidence and resolution of a man, in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propagating it far and near, is that which hath so bound and firmly knit the hearts of all Your Majesty's loyal and religious people unto you, that Your very name is precious among them; their eye doth behold You with comfort, and they bless You in their hearts, as that sanctified Person, who, under God, is the immediate author of their true happiness. And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of *Christendom*, by writing in defence of the truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that Man of Sin as will not be healed,) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing father.

There are infinite arguments of this right Christian and religious affection in Your Majesty; but none is more forcible to declare it to others than the vehement and perpetuated desire of accomplishing and publishing of this Work, which now, with all humility, we present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness had once, out of deep judgment, apprehended how convenient it was, that, out of the Original sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own and other foreign languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact translation of the Holy Scriptures into the *English* Tongue; Your Majesty did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the Work might be hastened, and that the business might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our labours, it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hopes that the Church of *England* shall reap good fruit thereby, we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as

to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal mover and author of the Work; humbly craving of Your most Sacred Majesty, that, since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of ill meaning and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is; whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us, than all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make God's holy truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by self-conceited brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvil, we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty's grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations.

The Lord of heaven and earth bless Your Majesty with many and happy days; that, as his heavenly hand hath enriched Your Highness with many singular and extraordinary graces, so You may be the wonder of the world in this latter age for happiness and true felicity, to the honour of that great GOD, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.

The Names and Order of all the Books of the OLD and NEW TESTAMENT, with the Number of their Chapters.

The Books of the OLD TESTAMENT.

GENESIS hath Chapters 50	II. Chronicles hath Chapters 36	Daniel hath Chapters 12
Exodus 40	Ezra 10	Hosea 14
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Numbers 36	Esther 10	Amos 9
Deuteronomy 34	Job 42	Obadiah 1
Joshua 24	Psalms 150	Jonah 4
Judges 21	Proverbs 31	Micah 7
Ruth 4	Ecclesiastes 12	Nahum 3
I. Samuel 31	The Song of Solomon 8	Habakkuk 3
II. Samuel 24	Isaiah 66	Zephaniah 3
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I. ESDRAS hath Chapters 9	Wisdom hath Chapters 19	The Story of Susanna.
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Tobit 14	Baruch, with the Epistle	The Prayer of Manasses.
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The Books of the NEW TESTAMENT.

MATTHEW hath Chap. 28	Ephesians hath Chapters 6	Hebrews hath Chapters 13
Mark 16	Philippians 4	Epistle of James 5
Luke 24	Colossians 4	I. Peter 5
John 21	I. Thessalonians 5	II. Peter 3
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II. Corinthians 13	Titus 3	Jude 1
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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

GENESIS.

CHAP. I.

1 *The creation of heaven and earth,* &c.
26 *of man in the image of God.*
29 *The appointment of food.*

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a John 1. 1.
b Psalms 33. 6. & 89. 11, 12. & 102. 25. & 136. 5. & 146. 6. Isaiah 44. 24. Jerem. 10. 12. & 51. 15. Zech. 12. 1. Acts 14. 15. & 17. 24. Hebr. 11. 3.
c Psalm 33. 6. Isaiah 40. 13, 14.
d 2 Corin. 4. 6.
† Heb. *between the light and between the darkness.*
† Heb. *And the evening was, and the morning was,* &c.
e Psalm 136. 5. Jerem. 10. 12. & 51. 15.
† Heb. *expansion.*
f Psalm 148. 4.
g Job 26. 10. & 38. 8. Psalms 33. 7. & 104. 9. & 136. 6. Prov. 8. 29. Jerem. 5. 22.
† Heb. *tender grass.*
h Deuter. 4. 19. Psalm 136. 7.
† Heb. *between the day and between the night.*

IN b the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep: c and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 ¶ And God said, d Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided † the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. † And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, e Let there be a † firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament, from the waters which *were* f above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, g Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth † grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be h lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide † the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

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16 And God made two great lights; the greater light † to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* i the stars also.

† Heb. *for the rule of the day,* &c.
i Job 38. 7.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth,

18 And to k rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

k Jerem. 31. 35.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 ¶ And God said, l Let the waters bring forth abundantly the ‖ moving creature that hath † life, and † fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the † open firmament of heaven.

l 2 Esdras 6. 47.
‖ Or, *creeping.*
† Heb. *soul.*
† Heb. *let fowl fly.*
† Heb. *face of the firmament of heaven.*

21 And m God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

m Psalm 104. 26.

22 And God blessed them, saying, n Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

n Chap. 8. 17. & 9. 1.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

26 ¶ And God said, o Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and p let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

o Chap. 5. 1. & 9. 6. Wisdom 2. 23. 1 Corin. 11. 7. Ephes. 4. 24. Coloss. 3. 10.
p Psalm 8. 6.

27 So God created man in his *own* image: q in the image of God created he him; r male and female created he them.

q 1 Cor. 11. 7.
r Chap. 5. 2. Malachi 2. 15. Matth. 19. 4. Mark 10. 6.

28 And God blessed them: and God said unto them, s Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,

s chap. 9. 1.

and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that † moveth upon the earth.

† Heb. *creepeth.*

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb † bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; [t] to you it shall be for meat.

† Heb. *seeding seed.*

† Chap. 9. 3. Psalm 104. 14, 15.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* † life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

† Heb. *a living soul.*

31 And [u] God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

u Ecclus. 39. 16. 1 Tim. 4. 4.

CHAP. II.

1 *The first sabbath.* 8 *The planting of Eden.* 17 *The tree of knowledge.* 19, 20 *The creatures named.* 21 *Woman made, and marriage instituted.*

THUS the heavens and the earth were finished, and [a] all the host of them.

a Psalm 33. 6.

2 [b] And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

b Exod. 20. 11. & 31. 17. Deut. 5. 14. Hebr. 4. 4.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God † created and made.

† Heb. *created to make.*

4 ¶ These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

6 But ‖ there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

‖ Or, *a mist which went up from, &c.*

7 And the LORD God formed man † *of* the [c] dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and [d] man became a living soul.

† Heb. *dust of the ground.*

c Ecclus. 17. 1. 1 Corin. 15. 47.

d 1 Corin. 15. 45.

8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden [e] eastward in [f] Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

e Chap. 3. 24.

f Chap. 4. 16. 2 Kings 19. 12. Ezekiel 27. 23.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; [g] the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, [h] and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

g Chap. 3. 22. Rev. 22. 2.

h Verse 17.

10 ¶ And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

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11 The name of the first *is* [i] Pison; that *is* it which compasseth [k] the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.

i Ecclus. 24. 25.

k Chap. 25. 18.

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: [l] there *is* bdellium and the onyx-stone.

l Numb. 11. 7.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of † Ethiopia.

† Heb. *Cush.*

14 And the name of the third river *is* [m] Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth ‖ toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

m Daniel 10. 4.

‖ Or, *eastward to Assyria.*

15 And the LORD God took ‖ the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it, and to keep it.

‖ Or, *Adam.*

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden † thou mayest freely eat;

† Heb. *eating thou shalt eat.*

17 [n] But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof [o] † thou shalt surely die.

n Verse 9.

o Chap. 3. 19.

† Heb. *dying thou shalt die.*

18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; [p] I will make him an help † meet for him.

p Chap. 3. 12.

† Heb. *as before him.*

19 [q] And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and [r] brought *them* unto ‖ Adam, to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

q Chap. 1. 20, 24.

r See Chap. 6. 20.

‖ Or, *the man.*

20 And Adam † gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

† Heb. *called.*

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, † made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

† Heb. *builded.*

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was [s] taken out of man.

s 1 Corin. 11. 8.

24 [t] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh.

t Chap. 31. 15. Mat. 19. 5. Mark 10. 7. 1 Corin. 6. 16. Eph. 5. 31.

25 [u] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

u Chap. 3. 7, 10, 11.

CHAP. III.

1 *The serpent deceiveth Eve.* 6 *Man's fall.* 15 *The promised seed.* 16 *Man's punishment,* 22 *and loss of paradise.*

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NOW [a] the serpent was [b] more subtile than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, † Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 [c] But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 [d] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened; and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* †pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, [e] and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, [f] and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves ||aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the †cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, [g] because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, [h] The woman, whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 ¶ And the LORD God said [i] unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and [k] dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between [l] thy seed and [m] her seed: [n] it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception: in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; [o] and thy desire *shall be* ||to thy husband, and he shall [p] rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, [q] and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: [r] cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life.

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it †bring forth to thee; and [s] thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

19 [t] In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and [u] unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name †Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also, and to his wife, did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, [x] Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, [y] and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever;

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man: and he placed [z] at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The birth of Cain and Abel.* 8 *The murder of Abel.* 11 *The curse of Cain.* 19 *Lamech and his two wives.*

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; 4003.
and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother †Abel. And Abel was †a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

a Revel. 12. 9. & 20. 2.
b Matth. 10. 16. 2 Corin. 11. 3.
† Heb. *Yea, because, &c.*
c Chap. 2. 17.
d 2 Corin. 11. 3. 1 Tim. 2. 14.
† Heb. *a desire.*
e Ecclus. 25. 24. 1 Tim. 2. 14.
f Chap. 2. 25.
‖ Or, *things to gird about.*
† Heb. *wind.*
g Chap. 2. 25.
h Chap. 2. 18.
i Exod. 21. 29, 32.
k Isaiah 65. 25. Mic. 7. 17.
l Mat. 3. 7. & 13. 38. & 23. 33. John 8. 44. Acts 13. 10. 1 John 3. 8.
m Psalm 132. 11. Isa. 7. 14. Micah 5. 3. n Rom. 16. 20. Hebr. 2. 14. 1 John 5. 5. Revel. 12. 7, 17.
o Chap. 4. 7.
‖ Or, *subject to thy husband.*
p 1 Corin. 14. 34. 1 Tim. 2. 11, 12. Titus 2. 5.
q Chap. 2. 17.
r Isaiah 24. 5, 6. Rom. 8. 20.
† Heb. *cause to bud.*
s Psalm 104. 14.
t 2 Thes. 3. 10.
u Eccles. 12. 7.
† Heb. *Chavah.*
x Like Isa. 19. 12. & 47. 12, 13. Jer. 22. 23.
y Chap. 2. 9.
z Chap. 2. 8.
† Heb. *Hebel.*
† Heb. *a feeder.*

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3 And † in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

† Heb. *at the end of days.*

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his † flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had [a] respect unto Abel, and to his offering:

† Heb. *sheep*, or, *goats.*

a Hebr. 11. 4.

5 But unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, [b] and his countenance fell.

b Chap. 31. 2.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not || be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And || unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

|| Or, *have the excellency.*

|| Or, *subject unto thee.*

Chap. 3. 16.

8 ¶ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and [c] slew him.

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c Wisdom 10. 3. Matth. 23. 35. 1 John 3. 12. Jude 11.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's † blood [d] crieth unto me from the ground.

† Heb. *bloods.*

d Hebr. 12. 24. Rev. 6. 10.

11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand.

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength: a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, || My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

|| Or, *Mine iniquity is greater than* that it may be *forgiven.*

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth: and it shall come to pass, [e] *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

e Chap. 9. 6.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore, whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him [f] seven-fold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

f Psalm 79. 12.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of || Nod, on the east of Eden.

|| That is, *Vagabond.*

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived, and bare † Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

† Heb. *Chanoch.*

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat † Lamech.

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† Heb. *Lemech.*

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.

21 And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an † instructor of every artificer in brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah.

† Heb. *whetter.*

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for || I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man || to my hurt.

|| Or, *I would slay a man in my wound, &c.*

|| Or, *in my hurt.*

24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, truly Lamech seventy and seven-fold.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and [g] called his name † Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

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g Chap. 5. 3.

† Heb. *Sheth.*

26 And to Seth, [h] to him also there was born a son; and he called his name † Enos: then began men || to call upon the name of the LORD.

h Chap. 5. 6.

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† Heb. *Enosh.*

|| Or, *to call themselves by the name of the LORD.*

CHAP. V.

1 *The genealogy, age, and death, of the patriarchs, from Adam unto Noah.*
24 *The godliness, &c. of Enoch.*

THIS *is* the [a] book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the [b] likeness of God made he him;

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a 1 Chron. 1. 1. Luke 3. 36.

b Chap. 1. 26. Wisd. 2. 23.

2 [c] Male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

c Chap. 1. 27.

3 ¶ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and [d] called his name Seth.

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d Chap. 4. 25.

4 [e] And the days of Adam, after he had begotten Seth, were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters.

e 1 Chron. 1. 1, &c.

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and [f] begat Enos.

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f Chap. 4. 26.

7 And Seth lived, after he begat Enos, eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

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8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

3679. 9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat † Cainan.

† Heb. *Kenan.*

10 And Enos lived, after he begat Cainan, eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

3609. 12 ¶ And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat † Mahalaleel.

† Gr. *Malaleel.*

13 And Cainan lived, after he begat Mahalaleel, eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

3544. 15 ¶ And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat † Jared.

† Heb. *Jered.*

16 And Mahalaleel lived, after he begat Jared, eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

3382. 18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat [g] Enoch.

[g] Jude 14, 15.

19 And Jared lived, after he begat Enoch, eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

3317. 21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat † Methuselah.

† Gr. *Mathusala.*

22 And Enoch [h] walked with God, after he begat Methuselah, three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

[h] Chap. 6. 9. & 17. 1. & 24. 40. Psal. 16. 8. & 116. 9.

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years.

24 And [i] Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

[i] Ecclus. 44. 16. Hebr. 11. 5.

3130. 25 ¶ And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat † Lamech.

† Heb. *Lemech.*

26 And Methuselah lived, after he begat Lamech, seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters.

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

2948. 28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son;

† Gr. *Noe.* Luke 3. 36. Hebr. 11. 7. 1 Pet. 3. 20.

29 And he called his name † Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground [k] which the LORD hath cursed.

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[k] Chap. 3. 17. & 4. 11.

30 And Lamech lived, after he begat Noah, five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters.

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

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32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat [l] Shem, Ham, [m] and Japheth.

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[l] Chap. 6. 10.

[m] Chap. 10. 21.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The wickedness of the world causeth the flood.* 8 *Noah findeth grace.* 14 *The order, form,* &c. *of the ark.*

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, [a] My Spirit shall not always strive with man, [b] for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

[a] 1 Peter 3. 19, 20.

[b] Psalm 78. 39.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

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5 ¶ And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* ‖ every imagination of the thoughts of his [c] heart *was* only evil † continually.

‖ Or, *the whole imagination.* The Hebrew word signifieth not only *the imagination,* but also *the purposes and desires.*

[c] Chap. 8. 21. Matth. 15. 19.

† Heb. *every day.*

6 And [d] it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

[d] See Num. 23. 19. 1 Sam. 15. 11, 29. 2 Sam. 24. 16. Mal. 3. 6. James 1. 17.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth; † both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: for it repenteth me that I have made them.

† Heb. *from man unto beast.*

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

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9 ¶ These *are* the generations of Noah: [e] Noah was a just man, *and* ‖ perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

[e] Chap. 7. 1. Ezekiel 14. 14, 20. Ecclus. 44. 17. Hebr. 11. 7. 2 Pet. 2. 5.

10 And Noah begat three sons, [f] Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

‖ Or, *upright.*

[f] Chap. 5. 32.

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13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them: and, behold, I will destroy them ‖ with the earth.

‖ Or, *from the earth.*

14 ¶ Make thee an ark of gopher-wood: † rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

† Heb. *nests.*

15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of:* The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant: and [g] thou shalt come into the ark; thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

g 1 Peter 3. 20. 2 Pet. 2. 5.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind; two of every *sort* [h] shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

h See Chap. 2. 19.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 [i] Thus did Noah; [k] according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

i Hebr. 11. 7. k Chap. 7. 5, 9, 16.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Noah, with his family, entereth the ark.* 17 *The beginning, increase, and continuance, of the flood.*

2349. AND the LORD said unto Noah, [a] Come thou, and all thy house, into the ark: for [b] thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

a Matth. 24. 38. Luke 17. 26. 1 Pet. 3. 20. 2 Pet. 2. 5. b Chap. 6. 9.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by † sevens, the male and his female; and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.

† Heb. *seven seven.*

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I † destroy from off the face of the earth.

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† Heb. *blot out.*

5 [c] And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

c Chap. 6, 22.

6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 ¶ [d] And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

d 1 Peter 3. 20.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass, ‖ after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

‖ Or, *on the seventh day.*

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the ‖ windows of heaven were opened.

‖ Or, *flood-gates.*

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 In the self-same day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark:

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every † sort.

† Heb. *wing.*

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

17 ¶ And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the

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high hills that *were* under the whole heaven *were* covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

e Luke 17. 27. Wisd. 10. 4.

21 [e] And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

† Heb. *the breath of the spirit of life.*

22 All in whose nostrils *was* †the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and [f] Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

f Wisdom 10. 4. 2 Pet. 2. 5. & 3. 6.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The waters asswage.* 18 *Noah goeth forth of the ark,* 20 *buildeth an altar, and offereth sacrifice.* 21 *God's promise to curse the earth no more.*

AND God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

2 The fountains also of the deep, and the windows of heaven, were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained:

3 And the waters returned from off the earth †continually: and after the end [a] of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

† Heb. *in going and returning.*

a Chap. 7. 24.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

† Heb. *were in going and decreasing.*

5 And the waters †decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth †to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

† Heb. *in going forth and returning.*

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground:

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark; for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took her, and †pulled her in unto him into the ark.

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† Heb. *caused her to come.*

10 And he stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark:

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive-leaf pluckt off. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove, which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

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14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and [b] be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

b Chap. 1. 22. & 9. 1.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their †kinds, went forth out of the ark.

† Heb. *families.*

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled †a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; ‖for the [c] imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

† Heb. *a savour of rest.*

‖ Or, *though.*

c Chap. 6. 5. Matth. 15. 19.

22 †While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and [d] day and night, shall not cease.

† Heb. *As yet all the days of the earth.*

d Jerem. 33. 20, 25.

CHAP. IX.

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1 *God blesseth Noah.* 4 *Blood and murder are forbidden.* 8 *God's covenant,* 13 *signified by the rainbow.* 21 *Noah is drunken,* 23 *curseth Canaan:* 29 *he dieth.*

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, [a] Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

a Chap. 1. 28. & 8. 17.

2 And the fear of you, and the dread of you, shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered.

3 [b] Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the [c] green herb have I given you all things:

b 1 Tim. 4. 3.

c Chap. 1. 29.

4 [d] But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

d Levit. 17. 14. & 19. 26. Deuter. 12. 23. Acts 15. 20.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require: [e] at the hand of every beast will I require it, and [f] at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

e Exod. 21. 28.

f Psal. 9. 12.

6 [g] Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: [h] for in the image of God made he man.

g Exod. 21. 12. Levit. 24. 17. Mat. 26. 52. Rev. 13. 10.

h Chap. 1. 27.

7 And you, [i] be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

i Chap. 1. 28. & 8. 17.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And [k] I will establish my covenant with you: neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

k Isa. 54. 9.

12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 [l] And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

l Ecclus. 43. 11, 12.

15 And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

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16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: [m] and Ham *is* the father of † Canaan. 2347.

m Chap. 10. 6. † Heb. *Chenaan.*

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 ¶ And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be || his servant.

|| Or, *servant to them.*

27 God shall || enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

|| Or, *persuade.*

28 ¶ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died. 1998.

CHAP. X.

1 *Noah's generations.* 2 *The sons of Japheth,* 6 *and of Ham.* 8 *Nimrod the first monarch.* 15 *Canaan's descendants.* 21 *The sons of Shem.*

NOW these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood. 2347.

2 ¶ [a] The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

a 1 Chron. 1. 5.

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3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.

‖ Or, as some read it, *Rodanim.*

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

b 1 Chron. 1. 8.

6 ¶ [b] And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

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8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

c Mic. 5. 6.

† Or. *Babylon,*

10 [c] And the beginning of his kingdom was †Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

‖ Or, *he went out into Assyria.*

11 Out of that land ‖ went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and

‖ Or, *the streets of the city.*

‖ the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

d 1 Chron. 1. 12.

14 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) [d] and Caphtorim.

† Heb. *Tzidon.*

15 ¶ And Canaan begat †Sidon his first-born, and Heth,

16 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Zidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto †Gaza; as thou goest unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

† Heb. *Azzah.*

20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

e 1 Chron. 1. 17.

† Heb. *Arpachshad.*

22 The [e] children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and †Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

24 And Arphaxad begat †[f] Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

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25 [g] And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

† Heb. *Shelah.*

f Chap. 11. 12. 2247.

g 1 Chron. 1. 19.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, a mount of the east.

31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAP. XI.

1 *One language in the world.* 3 *The building of Babel.* 5 *Languages confounded.* 10 *The generations of Shem.*

AND the whole earth was of one †language, and of one †speech.

† Heb. *lip.*

† Heb. *words.*

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed ‖ from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

‖ Or, *eastward,* as Chap. 13. 11.

3 ¶ And †they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and †burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

2 Samuel 6. 2. with 1 Chron. 13. 6.

† Heb. *a man said to his neighbour.*

† Heb. *burn them to a burning.*

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, [a] let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

a Chap. 1. 26.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

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9 Therefore is the name of it called || Babel; [b] because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

|| That is, *Confusion.*
b Wisdom 10. 5.

10 ¶ [c] These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.

c Chap. 10. 22. 1 Chron. 1. 17.

2346. 11 And Shem lived, after he begat Arphaxad, five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

2311. 12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah.

13 And Arphaxad lived, after he begat Salah, four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

2281. 14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber.

15 And Salah lived, after he begat Eber, four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

2247. 16 [d] And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat [e] Peleg.

d 1 Chron. 1. 19.
e Called, Luke 3. 35. *Phalec.*

17 And Eber lived, after he begat Peleg, four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

2217. 18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu.

19 And Peleg lived, after he begat Reu, two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

2185. 20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat [f] Serug.

f Luke 3. 35. *Saruch.*

21 And Reu lived, after he begat Serug, two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

2155. 22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor.

23 And Serug lived, after he begat Nahor, two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

2126. 24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat [g] Terah.

g Luke 3. 34. *Thara.*

25 And Nahor lived, after he begat Terah, an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

2056. 26 And Terah lived seventy years, and [h] begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

h Joshua 24. 2. 1 Chron. 1. 26.

27 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

1996. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife [i] Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

i Chap. 22. 20.

30 But [k] Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

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31 ¶ And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from [l] Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan: and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

k Chap. 16. 1, 2. & 18. 11, 12.
l Neh. 9. 7. Judith 5. 7. Acts 7. 4.

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CHAP. XII.

1 *God calleth Abram, and blesseth him with a promise of Christ:* 4 *his departure from Haran.* 6 *He journeyeth through Canaan, which is promised him in a vision.*

NOW the [a] LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

a Chap. 15. 7. Neh. 9. 7. Acts 7. 3. Hebr. 11. 8.

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 [b] And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: [c] and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

b Chap. 27. 29. Ex. 23. 22. Num. 24. 9.
c Chap. 18. 18. & 22. 18. & 26. 4. Psal. 72. 17. Acts 3. 25. Galat. 3. 8.

4 ¶ So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten [d] in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

d Chap. 11. 31.

6 ¶ And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, [e] unto the plain of Moreh. [f] And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

e Deuter. 11. 30. Judges 7. 1.
f Chap. 10. 18, 19. & 13. 7.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, [g] Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an [h] altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

g Chap. 13. 15.
h Chap. 13. 4.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east; and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and [i] called upon the name of the LORD.

i Chap. 13. 4.

9 And Abram journeyed, † [k] going on still toward the south.

† Heb. *in going and journeying.*
k Chap. 13. 3.

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and Abram [l] went down into

l Psalm 105. 13.

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Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

m Chap. 20. 13. See Chap. 26. 7.

13 [m] Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake: and my soul shall live because of thee.

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14 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman, that she *was* very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

n Chap. 20. 14.

16 And he [n] entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels.

o Chap. 20. 18. 1 Chron. 16. 21. Psalm 105. 14.

17 And the LORD [o] plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Abram and Lot return out of Egypt:*
7 *by disagreement they part asunder.*
14 *God's promise renewed to Abram.*

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AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

a Chap. 12. 8, 9.

3 And he went on his journeys [a] from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;

b Chap. 12. 7, 8.

4 Unto the [b] place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

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6 And [c] the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

c Chap. 36. 7.

7 ¶ And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle. [d] And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land.

d Chap. 12. 6.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* † brethren.

† Heb. *men brethren.* See Chap. 11. 27. Exod. 2. 13. Acts 7. 26.

9 [e] *Is* not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

e Chap. 20. 15. & 34. 10.

10 ¶ And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [f] *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

f Isa. 51. 3.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom [g] *were* wicked, and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

g Chap. 18. 20. Ezekiel 16. 49.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

h Chap. 12. 7. & 15. 18. & 17. 8. & 24. 7. & 26. 4. Deut. 34. 4. Acts 7. 5.

15 For all the land which thou seest, [h] to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

i Chap. 15. 5. & 22. 17. & 26. 4. & 28. 14. & 32. 12. Ex. 32. 13. Numb. 23. 10. Deut. 1. 10. 1 Kings 4. 20. 1 Chron. 27. 23. Isa. 48. 19. Jer. 33. 22. Hebr. 11. 12.

16 And [i] I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it, and in the breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee.

k Chap. 14. 13.

18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and [k] dwelt in the † plain of Mamre, [l] which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

† Heb. *plains.*

l Chap. 35. 27. & 37. 14.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The battle of the kings.* 12 *Lot taken,* 14 *is rescued by Abram.* 18 *Melchizedek blesseth Abram,* 20 *to whom he giveth tithe.*

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AND it came to pass, in the days of Amraphel king [a] of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

a Chap. 10. 10. & 11. 2.

2 *That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is [b] Zoar.

b Chap. 19. 22.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, [c] which is the salt sea.

c Deuter. 3. 17.

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

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5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote [d] the Rephaims [e] in Ashteroth-Karnaim, and [f] the Zuzims in Ham, [g] and the Emims in ‖ Shaveh-Kiriathaim,

d Chap. 15. 20.
e Joshua 13. 12.
f Deuter. 2. 20.
g Deuter. 2. 10, 11.
‖ Or, *the plain of Kiriathaim.*

6 [h] And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto ‖ El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness.

h Deuter. 2. 12, 22.
‖ Or, *the plain of Paran,* Numb. 12. 16. & 13. 3.

7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt [i] in Hazezon-tamar.

i 2 Chron. 20. 2.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, (the same *is* Zoar,) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slime-pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, (who dwelt in Sodom,) and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: for [k] he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

k Chap. 13. 18.

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14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he ‖ armed his ‖ trained *servants,* born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* [l] unto Dan.

‖ Or, *led forth.*
‖ Or, *instructed.*
l Deuter. 34. 1.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and [m] smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus.

m Isaiah 31. 2, 3.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, (after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that *were* with him,) at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the [n] king's dale.

n 2 Sam. 18. 18.

18 And [o] Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

o Hebr. 7. 1.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, [p] possessor of heaven and earth:

p Verse 22.

20 And blessed *be* the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him [q] tithes of all.

q Hebr. 7. 4.

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the † persons, and take the goods to thyself.

† Heb. *souls.*

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, [r] the possessor of heaven and earth,

r Verse 19. Chap. 21. 33.

23 That [s] I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

s So Esther 9. 15, 16.

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Abram is encouraged.* 4 *A son is promised:* 6 *he is justified by faith.* 7 *Canaan is promised again.*

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy [a] shield, *and* thy exceeding [b] great reward.

a Psal. 3. 3. & 5. 12. & 84. 11. & 91. 4. & 119. 114.
b Ps. 16. 5.

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?

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8 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4 ¶ And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the [c] stars, if thou be able to number them. And he said unto him, [d] So shall thy seed be.

6 And he [e] believed in the LORD; and he [f] counted it to him for righteousness.

7 ¶ And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of [g] Ur of the Chaldees, [h] to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, [i] whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And [k] he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but [l] the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety, [m] that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and [n] they shall afflict them four hundred years:

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward [o] shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; [p] thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But [q] in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity [r] of the Amorites [s] *is* not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and † a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In that same day the LORD [t] made a covenant with Abram, saying, [u] Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Sarai giveth Hagar to Abram,* 6 *who, fleeing from her mistress,* 9 *is sent back by an angel,* 10 *with a promise.* 15 *Ishmael is born.*

NOW Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, [a] an Egyptian, whose name *was* [b] Hagar. 1911.

2 [c] And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, [d] go in unto my maid; it may be that I may † obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand: do to her † as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai † dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 ¶ And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, [e] by the fountain in the way to [f] Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, [g] I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child,

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[u] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 26. 4. Ex. 23. 31. Num. 34. 3. Deut. 1. 7. & 11. 24. & 34. 4. Joshua 1. 4. 1 Kings 4. 21. 2 Chron. 9. 26. Neh. 9. 8. Isa. 27. 12.

[a] Chap. 21. 9.
[b] Gal. 4. 24.
[c] Chap. 30. 3.
[d] So Chap. 30. 3, 9.
† Heb. *be builded by her.*

† Heb. that which is *good in thine eyes.*
† Heb. *afflicted her.*

[e] Chap. 25. 18.
[f] Exod. 15. 22.

[g] Chap. 17. 20. & 21. 18.

[e] Jerem. 33. 22.
[d] Exod. 33. 13. Deuter. 10. 22. 1 Chron. 27. 23. Rom. 4. 18. Heb. 11. 12. See Chap. 13. 16.
[e] Rom. 4. 3, 9, 22. Galat. 3. 6. Jam. 2. 23.
[f] Psalm 106. 31.
[g] Chap. 11. 28.
[h] Psalm 105. 42. Rom. 4. 13.
[i] See Chap. 24. 13, 14. Judges 6. 17, 37. 1 Sam. 14. 9, 10. 2 Kings 20. 8.
[k] Jerem. 34. 18.
[l] Levit. 1. 17.
[m] Exod. 12. 40. Acts 7. 6.
[n] Exod. 1. 11.
[o] Exod. 12. 36. Psalm 105. 37.
[p] Chap. 25. 8.
[q] Exod. 12. 40.
[r] 1 Kings 21. 26.
[s] Daniel 8. 23. Mat. 23. 32. 1 Thess. 2. 16.
† Heb. *a lamp of fire.*
[t] Chap. 24. 7.

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and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name ‖ Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

‖ That is, *God shall hear.*

12 [h] And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him: [i] and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

h Chap. 21. 20.

i Chap. 25. 18.

13 And [k] she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

k See Chap. 32. 39.

14 Wherefore the well was called [l] ‖ Beer-lahai-roi: behold, *it is* [m] between Kadesh and Bered.

l Chap. 24. 62. & 25. 11.

‖ That is, *The well of him that liveth* and *seeth me.*

15 ¶ And [n] Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

m Numb. 13. 26.

16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

n Gal. 4. 22. 1910.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The covenant is renewed.* 5 *Abram's name changed.* 10 *Circumcision instituted.* 16 *Isaac promised.*

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AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, [a] I *am* the Almighty God; [b] walk before me, and be thou ‖ perfect.

a Chap. 28. 3.

b Chap. 5. 22. & 48. 15. 1 Kings 2. 4. & 8. 25.

‖ Or, *upright*, or, *sincere.*

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and [c] will multiply thee exceedingly.

c Chap. 12. 2. & 13. 16.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of † many nations.

† Heb. *multitude of nations.*

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram; but [d] thy name shall be Abraham: [e] for a father of many nations have I made thee.

d Neh. 9. 7.

e Rom. 4. 17.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make [f] nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

f Chap. 35. 11.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And [g] I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land † [h] wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

g Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15.

† Heb. *of thy sojournings.*

h Chap. 23. 4.

9 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee, in their generations.

10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you, and thy seed after thee; [i] Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

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11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be [k] a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

i Acts 7. 8.

k Acts 7. 8. Rom. 4. 11.

12 And † he that is eight days old [l] shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

† Heb. *a son of eight days.*

l Levit. 12. 3. Luke 2. 21. John 7. 22. Philip. 3. 5.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be.*

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and † she shall be *a mother* [m] of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

† Heb. *she shall become nations*

m Chap. 35. 11. Gal. 4. 31. 1 Pet. 3. 6.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, [n] and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

n Chap. 18. 12.

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19 And God said, [o] Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

o Chap. 18. 10. & 21. 2.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee; behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, [p] and will multiply him exceedingly: [q] twelve princes shall he beget; [r] and I will make him a great nation.

p Chap. 16. 10.

q Chap. 25. 12, 16.

r Chap. 21. 18.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, [s] which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

s Chap. 21. 2.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 ¶ And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the

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self-same day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the self-same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son;

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Abraham entertaineth three angels.* 9 *Sarah's laughter.* 17 *Sodom's destruction revealed to Abraham:* 23 *his intercession.*

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent-door in the heat of the day;

a Hebr. 15. 2.

2 [a] And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and, when he saw *them,* he ran to meet them from the tent-door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.

b Chap. 43. 24.

4 Let [b] a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree;

c Judges 6. 18. & 13. 15.
† Heb. *stay.*
d Chap. 19. 8. & 33. 10.
† Heb. *ye have passed.*

5 And [c] I will fetch a morsel of bread, and † comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: [d] for therefore † are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do as thou hast said.

† Heb. *Hasten.*

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, † Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it,* and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 ¶ And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

e Verse 14.
f 2 Kings 4. 16.
g Chap. 17. 19, 21. & 21. 2. Rom. 9. 9.

10 And he said, I [e] will certainly return unto thee [f] according to the time of life; and, lo, [g] Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent-door, which *was* behind him.

11 Now [h] Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age: *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

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h Chap. 17. 17. Rom. 4. 19. Hebr. 11. 11, 12.
i Luke 1. 18.
k 1 Peter 3. 6.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, [i] After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my [k] lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

l Jerem. 32. 17. Zech. 8. 6. Mat. 19. 26. Luke 1. 37.
m Chap. 17. 21. 2 Kings 4. 16.

14 [l] Is any thing too hard for the LORD? [m] At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not: for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

16 ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them, [n] to bring them on the way.

n Rom. 15. 24. 3 John 6.
o Amos 3. 7. John 15, 15.

17 ¶ And the LORD said, [o] Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be [p] blessed in him?

p Chap. 12. 3. & 22. 18. Acts 3. 25. Galat. 3. 8.

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because [q] the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous,

q Chap. 4. 10. & 19. 13. James 5. 4.

21 [r] I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

r Chap. 11. 5.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

s Jerem. 5. 1.

24 [s] Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee. [t] Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

t Job 8. 3. & 34. 17. Psal. 94. 2. Rom. 3. 6.

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26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which *am* [u] *but* dust and ashes:

u Chap. 3. 19. Job 4. 19. Eccles. 12. 7. 1 Corin. 15. 47, 48. 2 Corin. 5. 1.

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake.

30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

x Judges 6. 39.

32 And he said, [x] Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Lot entertaineth two angels.* 24 *Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed.* 26 *Lot's wife punished:* 31 *his incest.*

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them*, rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground:

a Hebr. 13. 2.

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, [a] turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and [b] wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, [c] Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

b Chap. 18. 4.

c See Luke 24. 28.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house: and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 ¶ But, before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter.

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5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? [d] bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

d Judges 19. 22.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 [e] Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; [f] for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

e See Judges 19. 24.

f See Chap. 18. 5.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, [g] and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

g Exod. 2. 14.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men [h] that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

h Wisdom 19. 17. See 2 Kings 6. 18. Acts 13. 11.

12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the [i] cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

i Chap. 18. 20.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get ye out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters which † are here; lest thou be consumed in the ‖ iniquity of the city.

† Heb. *are found.* ‖ Or, *punishment.*

16 And [k] while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

k Wisdom 10. 6.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; [l] look not behind thee, neither stay thou in

l Verse 26. Matth. 24. 16, 17, 18. Luke 9. 62. Philip. 3. 13, 14.

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all the plain: escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh! not so, my Lord.

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die.

20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh! let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted †thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

† Heb. *thy face.*

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for [m] I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore [n] the name of the city was called Zoar.

m See Chap. 32. 25, 26. Ex. 32. 10. Deut. 9. 14. Mark 6. 5.

n Chap. 13. 10. & 14. 2.

23 ¶ The sun was †risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

† Heb. *gone forth.*

24 ¶ Then [o] the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven:

o Deuter. 29. 23. Isa. 13. 19. Jer. 50. 40. Ezekiel 16. 49. Hos. 11. 8. Amos 4. 11. Zeph. 2. 9. Luke 17. 29. 2 Peter 2. 6. Jude 7.

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 ¶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became [p] a pillar of salt.

p Wisdom 10. 7. Luke 17. 32.

27 ¶ And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where [q] he stood before the LORD:

q Chap. 18 22.

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 ¶ And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

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33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day. 1897.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Abraham denieth his wife, and loseth her.* 14 *Abimelech restoreth her:* 17 *he is healed,* &c.

AND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between [a] Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. clr. 1898.

a Chap. 16. 7, 14.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, [b] She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

b Chap. 12. 13.

3 But [c] God came to [d] Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* †a man's wife.

c Psalm 105. 14.

d Job 33. 14, 15.

† Heb. *married to an husband.*

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my sister? and she, even she herself said, He *is* my brother. In the ||integrity of my heart, and innocency of my hands, have I done this.

|| Or, *simplicity,* or, *sincerity.*

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for [e] I also withheld thee from sinning [f] against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

e Chap. 31. 7. & 35. 5. Ex. 34. 24. 1 Sam. 25. 26.

f Chap. 39. 9. Levit. 6. 2. Psal. 51. 4.

7 Now therefore restore the man *his* wife; [g] for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt

g 1 Sam. 7. 5. 2 Kings 5. 11. Job 42. 8.

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live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 ¶ Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that [h] thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

h Chap. 26. 10.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed *she is* my sister: she *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This *is* thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, [i] say of me, He *is* my brother.

i Chap. 12. 13.

14 And Abimelech [k] took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave *them* unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

k Chap. 12. 16.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land *is* before thee: dwell † where it pleaseth thee.

† Heb. *as is good in thine eyes.*

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver: behold, he *is* to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that *are* with thee, and with all *other*. Thus she was reproved.

17 ¶ So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare *children*.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Isaac is born.* 9 *Hagar and Ishmael are cast forth.* 22 *Abimelech's covenant with Abraham.*

a Chap. 17. 19. & 18. 10, 14. b Acts 7. 8. Gal. 4. 22. Hebr. 11. 14. c Chap. 17. 21.

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah [a] as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah [b] conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, [c] at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

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3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, [d] Isaac.

d Chap. 17. 19.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, being eight days old, [e] as God had commanded him.

e Chap. 17. 10, 12.

5 And [f] Abraham was an hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him.

cir. 1897. f Chap. 17. 1, 17.

6 ¶ And Sarah said, [g] God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

g Isa. 54. 1. & 66. 10. Gal. 4. 27.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Hagar [h] the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, [i] mocking.

h Chap. 16. 1. i Galat. 4. 29.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, [k] Cast out this bond-woman and her son: for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac.

cir. 1892. k Galat. 4. 30. See Chap. 25. 6. & 36. 6, 7.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice: for [l] in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

l Rom. 9. 7. Hebr. 11. 18.

13 And also of the son of the bond-woman will I make [m] a nation, because he *is* thy seed.

m Verse 18. Chap. 16. 10. & 17. 20.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar, (putting *it* on her shoulder,) and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bow-shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad: and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear

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not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for [n] I will make him a great nation.

[n] Verse 13.

19 And [o] God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water: and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

[o] Numb. 22. 31. See 2 Kings 6. 17, 18, 20. Luke 24. 16, 31.

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

[p] Chap. 16. 12.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that [q] Abimelech, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, spake unto Abraham, saying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doest:

[q] Chap. 20. 2. & 26. 26.

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God, † that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

† Heb. *If thou shalt lie unto me.*

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants [r] had violently taken away.

[r] See Chap. 26. 15, 18, 20, 21, 22.

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it*, but to-day.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe-lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe-lambs, which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For *these* seven ewe-lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place ‖ Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them.

‡ That is, *The well of the oath.*

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

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33 ¶ And *Abraham* planted a ‖ grove in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

¶ Or, *tree.*

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

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CHAP. XXII.

1 *Abraham, offering Isaac,* 11 *is stayed by an angel:* 15 *he is blessed again.* 20 *The generations of Nahor, from whom came Rebekah.*

AND it came to pass after these things, that [a] God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham. And he said, † Behold, *here* I *am*.

1872. *Jos. Antiq.* a Hebr. 11. 17.

† Heb. *Behold me.*

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee [b] into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

[b] 2 Chron. 3. 1.

3 ¶ And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife: and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, † Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood; but where *is* the ‖ lamb for a burnt-offering?

† Heb. *Behold me.*

‖ Or, *kid.*

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of: and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order; and bound Isaac his son, and [c] laid him on the altar upon the wood.

[c] James 2. 21.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham! And he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know

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that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*, from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place ||Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

|| That is, *The LORD will see*, or, *provide.*

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, [d] By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD; for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son;*

d Psalm 105. 9. Ecclus. 44. 21. Luke 1. 73. Hebr. 6. 13.

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed [e] as the stars of the heaven, [f] and as the sand which *is* upon the sea †shore; and [g] thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies:

e Chap. 15. 5. Jer. 33. 22.
f Chap. 13. 16.
† Heb. *lip.*
g Chap. 24. 60.

18 [h] And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

h Chap. 12. 3. & 18. 18. & 26. 4. Ecclus. 44. 22. Acts 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8, 9, 16, 18.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men; and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba: and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, [i] Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

i Chap. 11. 29.

21 [k] Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father [l] of Aram,

k Job 1. 1.
l Job 32. 2.

22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And [m] Bethuel begat [n] Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

m Chap. 24. 15.
n Called, Rom. 9. 10. *Rebecca.*

24 And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Sarah's age and death.* 3 *The purchase of Machpelah,* 19 *where Sarah was buried.*

1860. AND Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: *these were* the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in [a] Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

a Joshua 14. 15. Judg. 1. 10.

3 ¶ And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

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4 [b] I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

b Chap. 17. 8. Hebr. 11. 13.

5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou *art* †a mighty prince among us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

† Heb. *a prince of God.*

7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,

9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which *is* in the end of his field; for †as much money as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession of a burying-place amongst you.

† Heb. *full money.*

10 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the †audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

† Heb. *ears.*

11 [c] Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

c See 2 Sam. 24. 21,---24.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron, in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it,* I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land *is worth* four hundred [d] shekels of silver; what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

d Exod. 30. 15. Ezekiel 45. 12.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 ¶ And [e] the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field, and the cave

e Chap. 25. 9. & 50. 13. Acts 7. 16.

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which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 ¶ And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field, and the cave that *is* therein, were made sure unto Abraham, for a possession of a burying-place, by the sons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Abraham sendeth his servant to get a wife for his son Isaac:* 51 *he obtaineth Rebekah.* 58 *Rebekah consenteth to go.* 62 *Isaac meeteth her.*

1857. AND Abraham was old, *and* † well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

† Heb. *gone into days.*

2 And Abraham said [a] unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, [b] Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh;

a Chap. 15. 2.

b Chap. 47. 29. 1 Chron. 29. 24. Lam. 5. 6.

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that [c] thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell.

c Chap. 26. 35. & 27. 46. & 28. 2. Ex. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, which [d] took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, [e] Unto thy seed will I give this land, he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

d Chap. 12. 1, 7.

e Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 18. & 26. 4. Ex. 32. 13. Deut. 34. 4. Acts 7. 5.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed; (‖ for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand;) and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto [f] the city of Nahor.

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‖ Or, *and.*

f Chap. 27. 43.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water, at the time of the evening, *even* the time † [g] that women go out to draw *water*.

† Heb. *that women which draw water go forth.*

g Exodus 2. 16. 1 Sam. 9. 11.

12 ¶ And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, [h] I stand *here* by the well of water; and [i] the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

h Verse 43.

i Chap. 29. 9. Ex. 2. 16.

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be* she *that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and [k] thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

k See Judges 6. 17, 37. 1 Sam. 6. 7. & 14. 8. & 20. 7. 1 Mac. 5. 40.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of [l] Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

l Chap. 11. 29. & 22. 23.

16 And the damsel *was* † very fair to look upon, a virgin; neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

† Heb. *good of countenance.*

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man, wondering at her, held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ‖ ear-ring, of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets

‖ Or, *jewel for the forehead.*

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for her hands, of ten *shekels* weight of gold,

23 And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee. Is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in?

m Chap. 22. 23.

24 And she said unto him, [m] I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

n Verse 52. Ex. 4. 31.

26 And the man [n] bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

27 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things.

o Chap. 29. 5.

29 ¶ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* [o] Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man unto the well.

30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ear-ring, and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

32 ¶ And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him.

33 And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

34 ¶ And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant.

35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah, my master's wife, bare a son to my master when she was old: and [p] unto him hath he given all that he hath.

p Chap. 25. 5.

37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

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39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, [q] before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house.

q Chap. 17. 1.

41 Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43 [r] Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

r Verse 13.

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ear-ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way, to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

49 And now, if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD; we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

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51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, s Verse 26. he s worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth † Heb. *vessels.* †jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night: and they rose up in t Verse 56, & 59. the morning; and he said, tSend me away unto my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us ‖ Or, *a full year or ten months,* Judg. 14. 8. ‖ *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away, that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebekah u Chap. 35. 8. their sister, and u her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of mil- x Chap. 22. 17. lions, and x let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 ¶ And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man; and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way y Chap. 16. 14. & 25. 11. of the y well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Isaac went out ‖ Or, *to pray.* to meditate in the field at the even-tide; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes; and when she saw Isaac, z Joshua 15. 18. z she lighted off the camel.

65 For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death.* Before CHRIST 1857.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The sons of Abraham by Keturah:* 7 *his age and death.* 24 *The birth of Esau and Jacob.* 29 *Esau selleth his birthright to Jacob.*

THEN again Abraham took a wife, cir. 1853. and her name *was* Keturah.

2 And a she bare him Zimran, and a 1 Chron. 1. 32. Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

3 And Jokshan begat Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.

5 ¶ And b Abraham gave all that b Chap. 24. 36. he had unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, (while he yet lived,) eastward unto the east country.

7 ¶ And these *are* the days of 1822. the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and c died in a good old age, c Chap. 15. 15. & 49. 29. an old man, and full *of years;* and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre;

10 d The field which Abraham pur- d Chap. 23. 16. chased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac: and Isaac dwelt by the e well Lahai-roi. e Chap. 16. 14. & 24. 62.

12 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham.

13 And f these *are* the names of f 1 Chron. 1. 29. the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the cir. 1800. first-born of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,

15 ‖ Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ‖ Or, *Hadad,* 1 Chron. 1. 30.

16 These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their

towns, and by their castles; [g] twelve princes according to their nations.

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17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people.

[g] Chap. 17. 20.

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18 [h] And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: *and* he † died [i] in the presence of all his brethren.

[h] 1 Sam. 15. 7.

† Heb. *fell*, Ps. 78. 64.

[i] Chap. 16. 12.

19 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: [k] Abraham begat Isaac.

[k] Mat. 1. 2.

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20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, [l] the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

[l] Chap. 22. 23.

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21 And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and [m] Rebekah his wife conceived.

[m] Rom. 9. 10.

22 And the children struggled together within her: and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? [n] And she went to enquire of the LORD.

[n] 1 Sam. 9. 9.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and [o] *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and [p] the elder shall serve the younger.

[o] 2 Sam. 8. 14.

[p] Chap. 27. 29. Mal. 1. 3. Rom. 9. 12.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, [q] all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

[q] Chap. 27. 11, 16, 23.

26 And after that came his brother out, and [r] his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and [s] his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

[r] Hosea 12. 3.

[s] Chap. 27. 36.

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27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because † he did eat of *his* venison; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

† Heb. *venison was in his mouth.*

29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, † with that same red *pottage;* for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

† Heb. *with that red, with that red pottage.*

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* † at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

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† Heb. *going to die.*

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and [t] he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

[t] Hebr. 12. 16.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Isaac goeth to Gerar;* 2 *God blesseth him.* 26 *Abimelech's covenant with him.* 34 *Esau's wives.*

AND there was a famine in the land, besides [a] the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto [b] Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

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[a] Chap. 12. 10.

[b] Chap. 20. 2.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee: for unto thee, and unto thy seed, [c] I will give all these countries; and I will perform [d] the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father:

[c] Chap. 13. 15. & 15. 18.

[d] Chap. 22. 16.

4 And [e] I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be [f] blessed;

[e] Chap. 15. 5.

[f] Chap. 12. 3. & 22. 18.

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and [g] he said, She *is* my sister: for he feared to say, *She is* my wife; lest, *said he,* the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon.

[g] Chap. 12. 13. & 20. 2, 13.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife; and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and [h] thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

[h] Chap. 20. 9.

11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that toucheth this

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man, or his wife, shall surely be put to death.

12 ¶ Then Isaac sowed in that land, and † received in the same year an hundred-fold; and the LORD blessed him.

† Heb. *found.*

13 And the man waxed great, and † went forward, and grew, until he became very great:

† Heb. *went going.*

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of ‖ servants. And the Philistines envied him.

‖ Or, *husbandry.*

15 For all the wells [i] which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

[i] Chap. 21. 30.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for [k] thou art much mightier than we.

[k] Exod. 1. 9.

17 ¶ And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of † springing water.

† Heb. *living.*

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water *is* ours: and he called the name of the well ‖ Esek, because they strove with him.

‖ That is, *Contention.*

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it ‖ Sitnah.

‖ That is, *Hatred.*

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it ‖ Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

‖ That is, *Room.*

23 ¶ And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed, for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 And he [l] builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

[l] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 18.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, [m] and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

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27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

[m] Chap. 21. 22.

28 And they said, †We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

† Heb. *Seeing we saw.*

29 † That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.

† Heb. *If thou shalt,* &c.

30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it ‖ Shebah: [n] therefore the name of the city is ‖ Beer-sheba unto this day.

‖ That is, *An oath.*
[n] Chap. 21. 31.
‖ That is, *The well of the oath.*

34 ¶ [o] And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

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[o] Chap. 36. 2.

35 Which [p] were † a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

[p] Chap. 27. 46.
† Heb. *bitterness of spirit.*

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Isaac sendeth Esau for venison.* 6 *Jacob, instructed by Rebekah, obtaineth the blessing.* 41 *Esau threatening him, is prevented.*

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AND it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and [a] his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son. And he said unto him, Behold, *here am* I.

[a] Chap. 48. 10.

2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death.

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and † take me *some* venison;

† Heb. *hunt.*

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it.*

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6 ¶ And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, according to that which I command thee.

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth.

10 And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man:

12 My father, peradventure, will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son; only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.

14 And he went and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

† Heb. *desirable.*

15 And Rebekah took †goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My father. And he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* †to me.

† Heb. *before me.*

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.

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23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.

25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore [b] God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

[b] Hebr. 11. 20.

29 [c] Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren, and [d] let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: [e] cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

[c] Chap. 9. 25. & 25. 23. [d] Chap. 49. 8. [e] Chap. 12. 3. Numb. 24. 9.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy first-born, Esau.

33 And Isaac †trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath †taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, [f] *and* he shall be blessed.

† Heb. *trembled with a great trembling greatly.* † Heb. *hunted.* [f] Chap. 28. 3, 4.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, [g] he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father!

[g] Hebr. 12. 17.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, [h] Is not he rightly named ‖Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: [i] he took away my birthright; and, be-

[h] Chap. 25. 26. ‖ That is, *A supplanter.* [i] Chap. 25. 33.

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hold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, [k] Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I ||sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father! and Esau lifted up his voice, [l] and wept.

39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, [m] thy dwelling shall be ||the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and [n] shalt serve thy brother; and [o] it shall come to pass, when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob, because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand, [p] then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother, [q] to Haran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send and fetch thee from thence. Why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, [r] I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Jacob is blessed, and sent to Padan-aram:* 10 *his vision.* 16 *The stone of Beth-el.* 20 *Jacob's vow.*

AND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, [a] Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 [b] Arise, go to [c] Padan-aram, to the house of [d] Bethuel thy mother's father, and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of [e] Laban, thy mother's brother:

3 [f] And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be †a multitude of people;

4 And give thee [g] the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land †[h] wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ¶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that, as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Esau, seeing that the daughters of Canaan †pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had [i] Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, [k] the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob [l] went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward [m] Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold [n] the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 [o] And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed:

14 And [p] thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and thou shalt †spread abroad [q] to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee, and [r] in thy seed, shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

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k Fulfilled, 2 Sam. 8. 14. Verse 29.

‖ Or, *supported.*

l Hebr. 12. 17.

m Verse 28. Hebr. 11. 20.

‖ Or, *of the fatness.*

n Chap. 25. 23. Obad. 18, 19, 20.

o 2 Sam. 8. 14. 2 Kings 8. 20.

p Obad. 10.

q Chap. 11. 31.

r Chap. 26. 35. & 28. 8.

a Chap. 24. 3.

b Hosea 12. 12.

c Chap. 25. 20.

d Chap. 22. 23.

e Chap. 24. 29.

f Chap. 17. 1.

† Heb. *an assembly of people.*

g Chap. 12. 2.

† Heb. *of thy sojournings.*

h Chap. 17. 8.

† Heb. were *evil in the eyes of*, &c.

i Chap. 36. 3. she is called *Bashemath.*

k Chap. 25. 13.

l Hosea 12. 12.

m Called, Acts 7. 2. *Charran.*

n John 1. 51. Hebr. 1. 14.

o Chap. 35. 1. & 48. 3.

p Chap. 13. 16.

† Heb. *break forth.*

q Deuter. 12. 20.

r Chap. 12. 3. & 18. 18. & 22. 18. & 26. 4.

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15 And, behold, [s] I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

[s] See Verse 20, 21.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and [t] set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

[t] Chap. 31. 13, 45. & 35. 14.

19 And he called the name of [u] that place || Beth-el: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

[u] Judges 1. 23, 26. Hosea 4. 15.

|| That is, *The house of God.*

20 [x] And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If [y] God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me [z] bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

[x] Chap. 31. 13.

[y] Verse 15.

[z] 1 Tim. 6. 8.

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, [a] shall be God's house: [b] and of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

[a] Chap. 35. 7, 14.

[b] Levit. 27. 30.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Jacob, coming to the well of Haran,* 13 *is entertained by Laban,* 18 *covenanteth for Rachel,* 23 *and is deceived with Leah,* 28 *but marrieth Rachel also.*

THEN Jacob † went on his journey, [a] and came into the land of the † people of the east.

† Heb. *lift up his feet.*

[a] Numb. 23. 7.

† Heb. *children.*

2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him.*

6 And he said unto them, † *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

† Heb. Is there *peace to him?*

7 And he said, Lo, † *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed them.

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† Heb. *yet the day is great.*

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and [b] rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

[b] Exod. 2. 17.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the † tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

† Heb. *hearing.*

14 And Laban said to him, [c] Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him † the space of a month.

[c] Chap. 2. 23.

† Heb. *a month of days.*

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be?*

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob [d] served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

[d] Hosea 12. 12.

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 1753.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

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24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our † country, to give the younger before the first-born.

† Heb. *place.*

e Judges 14. 12.

27 [e] Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, Bilhah his handmaid, to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren.

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32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name || Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

|| That is, *See a son.*

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33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name || Simeon.

|| That is, *Hearing.*

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34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called || Levi.

|| That is, *Joined.* See Numb. 18. 2.

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35 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name [f] || Judah, and † left bearing.

f Mat. 1. 2.

|| That is, *Praise.*

† Heb. *stood from bearing.*

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Rachel's barrenness.* 22 *She beareth Joseph.* 27 *Jacob's new covenant with Laban.* 37 *His policy to become rich.*

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, [a] *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

a 1 Sam. 1. 5.

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah; go in unto her, [b] and she shall bear upon my knees, [c] that I may also † have children by her.

b Chap. 50. 23. Job 3. 12.

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4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid [d] to wife; and Jacob went in unto her.

c Chap. 16. 2.

† Heb. *be built by her.*

d Chap. 35. 22.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

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6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name || Dan.

|| That is, *Judging.*

7 And Bilhah, Rachel's maid, conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

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8 And Rachel said, With † great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name || [e] Naphtali.

† Heb. *wrestlings of God.*

|| That is, *My wrestling.*

9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

e Called, Mat. 4. 13. *Nephthalim.*

10 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, bare Jacob a son.

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11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name || Gad.

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|| That is, *A troop,* or, *company.*

12 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, bare Jacob a second son.

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13 And Leah said, † Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name || Asher.

† Heb. *In my happiness.*

|| That is, *Happy.*

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the days of wheat-harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

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15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

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18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name || Issachar.

|| That is, *An hire.*

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

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20 And Leah said, God hath endowed me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name || [f] Zebulun.

|| That is, *Dwelling.*

f Called, Mat. 4. 13. *Zabulon.*

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21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name || Dinah.

|| That is, *Judgment.*

22 ¶ And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

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23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away [g] my reproach:

[g] 1 Sam. 1. 6. Isaiah 4. 1. Luke 1. 25.

24 And she called his name || Joseph; and said, [h] The LORD shall add to me another son.

|| That is, *Adding.*

[h] Chap. 35. 17.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* [i] I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

[i] Chap. 39. 5.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it.*

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* †increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee †since my coming: and now, when shall I provide for mine own house also?

† Heb. *broken forth.*

† Heb. *at my foot.*

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing. If thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock.

32 I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence all the speckled and spottled cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *of such* shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me †in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

† Heb. *to-morrow.*

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-straked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

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37 ¶ And [k] Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hasel and chesnut-tree, and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

[k] See Chap. 31. 9—12.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs, when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ring-straked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ring-straked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Jacob departeth from Laban:* 22 *Laban pursueth after him:* 43 *their covenant at Galeed.*

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AND he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld [a] the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him †as before.

[a] Chap. 4. 5.

† Heb. *as yesterday and the day before.*

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know, that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and [b] changed my wages [c] ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

[b] Verse 41.

[c] Numb. 14. 22. Neh. 4. 12. Job 19. 3. Zech. 8. 23.

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8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ring-straked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ring-straked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass, at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the || rams which leaped upon the cattle *were* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled.

|| Or, *he-goats.*

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, *saying*, Jacob. And I said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle *are* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I *am* the God of Beth-el, [d] where thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now [e] arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

[d] Chap. 28. 18.

[e] Chap. 32. 9.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for [f] he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

[f] Chap. 29. 15, 27.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels:

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the † images that *were* her father's.

† Heb. *teraphim*, Judg. 17. 5. 1 Sam. 19. 13.

20 And Jacob stole away † unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

† Heb. *the heart of Laban.*

21 So he fled with all that he had: and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* the mount Gilead.

22 ¶ And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

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24 And God came to Laban the Syrian [g] in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob † either good or bad.

[g] Job 33. 15.

† Heb. *from good to bad.*

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and † steal away from me, and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

† Heb. *hast stolen me.*

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Thou hast now done foolishly in *so* doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, [h] let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

[h] See Chap. 44. 9.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-servants' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban † searched all the tent, but found *them* not.

† Heb. *felt.*

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

36 ¶ And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all

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thy household stuff? set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38 This twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

i Exod. 22. 10, &c.

39 [i] That which was torn *of beasts* I brought not unto thee; I bare the

k Exod. 22. 12.

loss of it: of [k] my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40 *Thus* I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house: I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six

l Verse 7.

years for thy cattle; and [l] thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction, and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight.

43 ¶ And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, and *these* cattle *are* my cattle, and all that thou seest *is* mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou;

m Joshua 24. 27.

[m] and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

n Chap. 28. 18.

45 And Jacob [n] took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones. And they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

‖ That is, *The heap of witness.*

47 And Laban called it ‖ Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

o Judges 11. 29.

‖ That is, *A beacon*, or, *watch tower.*

49 And [o] ‖ Mizpah: for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives beside my daughters, no man *is* with us; see, God *is* witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;

52 This heap *be* witness, and *this* pillar *be* witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

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53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the Fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob ‖ offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

‖ Or, *killed beasts.*

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Jacob's vision,* 3 *his message,* 13 *and present to Esau.* 24 *Wrestling with an angel, he is called Israel.*

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* God's host: and he called the name of that place ‖ Mahanaim.

‖ That is, *Two hosts*, or, *camps.*

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, [a] unto the land of Seir, [b] the † country of Edom.

a Chap. 33. 14, 16.
b Chap. 36. 6, 7, 8.
† Heb. *field.*

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 ¶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also [c] he cometh to meet

c Chap. 33. 1.

thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 ¶ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me,

d Chap. 31. 13.

[d] Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 † I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands.

† Heb. *I am less than all*, &c.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the

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hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* [e] the mother † with the children.

e Hosea 10. 14.

12 And [f] thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

† Heb. *upon.*

f Chap. 28. 13, 14.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

14 Two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams;

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts; forty kine and ten bulls; twenty she-asses and ten foals.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, *They be* thy servant Jacob's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he *is* behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept † of me.

† Heb. *my face.*

21 So went the present over before him; and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, [g] and passed over the ford Jabbok.

g Deuter. 3. 16.

† Heb. *caused to pass.*

23 And he took them, and † sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the † breaking of the day.

† Heb. *ascending of the morning.*

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and [h] the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

h See Mat. 26. 41. 2 Corinth. 12. 7.

26 And [i] he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, [k] I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

i See Luke 24. 28.

k Hosea 12. 4.

27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

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28 And he said, [l] Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

l Chap. 35. 10. 2 Kings 17. 34.

29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, [m] Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

m Judges 13. 18.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place || Peniel: for [n] I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

|| That is, *The face of God.*

n Chap. 16. 13. Ex. 24. 11. & 33. 20. Deut. 5. 24. Judg. 6. 22. & 13. 22. Isaiah 6. 5.

31 ¶ And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day; because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The kindness of Jacob and Esau at their meeting.* 18 *Jacob buyeth a field, and buildeth an altar.*

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, [a] Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

a Chap. 32. 6.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said, Who *are* those † with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

† Heb. *to thee.*

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves:

7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near, and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, † What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

† Heb. *What is all this band to thee?*

9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; † keep that thou hast unto thyself.

† Heb. *be that to thee that is thine.*

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10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

b Judges 1. 15. 1 Sam. 25. 27. & 30. 26. 2 Kings 5. 15.

11 Take, I pray thee, [b] my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have † enough. And he urged him, and he took *it*.

† Heb. *all things.*

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant; and I will lead on softly, according † as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord [c] unto Seir.

† Heb. *according to the foot of the work, &c. and according to the foot of the children.*

c Chap. 32. 3.

15 And Esau said, Let me now † leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, † What needeth it? [d] let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

† Heb. *set, or, place.* † Heb. *Wherefore is this?* d Chap. 34. 11.

16 ¶ So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called || Succoth.

|| That is, *Booths.*

18 ¶ And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of || Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram, and pitched his tent before the city.

|| Called, Acts 7. 16. *Sychem.*

19 And [e] he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of || Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of || money.

e Joshua 24. 32.

|| Called, Acts 7. 16. *Emmor.* || Or, *lambs.*

20 And he erected there an altar, and [f] called it || El-elohe-Israel.

f Chap. 35. 7.

|| That is, *God the God of Israel.*

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Dinah defiled by Shechem.* 4 *Shechem sueth to marry her.* 13 *Jacob's sons propose the condition.* 20 *The Shechemites are circumcised,* 25 *slain by the sons of Jacob,* 27 *and their city spoiled.*

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AND [a] Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

a Chap. 30. 21.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and † defiled her.

† Heb. *humbled her.*

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob; and he loved the damsel, and spake † kindly unto the damsel.

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† Heb. *to the heart of the damsel:* See Isaiah 40. 2. Hosea 2. 14.

4 ¶ And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; (now his sons were with his cattle in the field:) and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 ¶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it:* and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he [b] had wrought folly in Israel, in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

b Joshua 7. 15.

8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

11 And Shechem said unto her father, and unto her brethren, [c] Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

c Chap. 33. 15.

12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

13 ¶ And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, (because he had defiled Dinah their sister:)

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for [d] that *were* a reproach unto us:

d Joshua 5. 9.

15 But in this will we consent unto you; If ye will be as we *be,* that every male of you be circumcised,

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem, Hamor's son.

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19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* more honourable than all the house of his father.

20 ¶ And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them: let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their cattle, and their substance, and every beast of theirs, *be* ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor, and unto Shechem his son, hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city: and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and [e] slew all the males.

[e] Chap. 49. 6.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the † edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

† Heb. *mouth.*

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 ¶ And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, [f] Ye have troubled me, [g] to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites, and the Perizzites; [h] and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

[f] Chap. 49. 6.
[g] Exod. 5. 21.
[h] Deuter. 4. 27. Psalm 105. 12.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

CHAP. XXXV.

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1 *Jacob sent by God to Beth-el:* 2 *he purgeth his house of idols,* 6 *and buildeth an altar at Beth-el.*

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there; and make there an altar unto God, [a] that appeared unto thee [b] when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

[a] Chap. 28. 13.
[b] Chap. 27. 43.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away [c] the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and [d] change your garments:

[c] Chap. 31. 19, 34. Josh. 24. 2.
[d] Exod. 19. 10.

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* ear-rings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under [e] the oak which *was* by Shechem.

[e] Joshua 24. 26. Judges 9. 6.

5 And they journeyed: and [f] the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

[f] Exod. 15. 16. & 23. 27. & 34. 24. Deuter. 11. 25. Joshua 2. 9. & 5. 1. 1 Sam. 14. 15. 2 Chron. 14. 14.

6 ¶ So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, (that *is*, Beth-el,) he, and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and [g] called the place ‖ El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

[g] Chap. 28. 19.
‖ That is, *The God of Beth-el.*

8 But [h] Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called ‖ Allon-bachuth.

[h] Chap. 24. 59.
‖ That is, *The oak of weeping.*

9 ¶ And [i] God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.

[i] Hosea 12. 4.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, [k] but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

[k] Chap. 32. 28.

11 And God said unto him, [l] I *am* God Almighty; be fruitful, and multiply: [m] a nation, and a company of nations, shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

[l] Chap. 17. 1. & 48. 3.
[m] Chap. 5, 6, 16. 28. 3. & 48. 4.

12 And the land [n] which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

[n] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 26. 3, 4.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 ¶ And Jacob [o] set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him,

[o] Chap 28. 18.

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even a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him,

p Chap. 28. 19.

[p] Beth-el.

† Heb. *a little piece of ground,* 2 Kings 5. 19.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but [†] a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed; and she had hard labour.

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17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died,) that she called his name [||] Benoni: but his father called him [||] Benjamin.

‖ That is, *The son of my sorrow.*

‖ That is, *The son of the right hand.*

q Chap. 48. 7.

19 And [q] Rachel died, and was buried in the way to [r] Ephrath, which *is* Beth-lehem.

r Ruth 1. 2. & 4. 11.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave [s] unto this day.

s 1 Sam. 10. 2.

21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond [t] the tower of Edar.

t Micah 4. 8.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and [u] lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard *it.* Now the sons of Jacob were twelve.

u Chap. 49. 4. 1 Chron. 5. 1. See 2 Sam. 16. 22. & 20. 3. 1 Corinth. 5. 1.

23 The sons of Leah; [x] Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun.

x Chap. 46. 8. Exod. 1. 2.

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan and Naphtali.

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad and Asher. These *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 ¶ And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto [y] Mamre, unto the city of Arba, (which *is* Hebron,) where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

y Chap. 13. 18. & 23. 2.

28 ¶ And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

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29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and [z] was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob [a] buried him.

z Chap. 15. 15. & 25. 8.

a Chap. 49. 31.

CHAP. XXXVI.

2 Esau's three wives: 6 his removal to mount Seir: 9 his sons.

cir. 1796.

NOW these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom.

a Chap. 26. 34.

2 [a] Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and

b Verse 25.

[b] Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

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3 And [c] Bashemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

c Chap. 28. 9.

4 And [d] Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;

d 1 Chron. 1. 35.

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. These *are* the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 ¶ And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the [†] persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance which he had got in the land of Canaan, and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.

† Heb. *souls.*

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7 [e] For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and [f] the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

e Chap. 13. 6, 11.

f Chap. 17. 8. & 28. 4.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in [g] mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom.

g Joshua 24. 4.

9 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Esau, the father of [†] the Edomites, in mount Seir.

† Heb. *Edom.*

10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons; [h] Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

h 1 Chron. 1. 35, &c.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, [||] Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

‖ Or, *Zephi,* 1 Chron. 1. 36.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these *were* the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.

13 And these *are* the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife.

14 ¶ And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife; and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 ¶ These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the first-born *son* of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,

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16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom: these *were* the sons of Adah.

17 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Reuel, Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of Edom: these *are* the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife.

18 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were*

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the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

19 These *are* the sons of Esau, (who *is* Edom,) and these *are* their dukes.

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20 ¶ [i] These *are* the sons of Seir [k] the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the children of Lotan were Hori and ||Heman: and Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; || Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, || Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon; both Ajah and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found the [l] mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; || Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and || Akan.

28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz and Aran.

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29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

[m] 1 Chron. 1. 43.

31 ¶ And [m] these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

cir. 1676.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died; and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died; and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died; and Hadad the son of Bedad, (who smote Midian in the field of Moab,) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

36 And Hadad died; and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died; and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died; and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

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39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died; and [n] Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are* the names of [o] the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke || Alva, duke Jetheth,

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession; he *is* Esau, the father of † the Edomites.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 *Joseph is hated of his brethren:* 5 *his two dreams:* 18 *his brethren conspire his death:* 36 *he is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.*

AND Jacob dwelt in the land † [a] wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* || colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, [b] they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, [c] behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream

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|| Or, *Homam,* 1 Chron. 1. 39.

|| Or, *Alian,* 1 Chron. 1. 40.

|| Or, *Shephi,* 1 Chron. 1. 40.

[l] See Levit. 19. 19.

|| Or, *Amram,* 1 Chron. 1. 41.

|| Or, *Jakan,* 1 Chron. 1. 42.

[i] 1 Chron. 1. 38.

[k] Deuter. 2. 22.

[n] 1 Chron. 1. 50. *Hadad Pai.* After his death was an aristocracy, Ex. 15. 15. cir. 1496.

[o] 1 Chron. 1. 51.

|| Or, *Aliah.*

† Heb. *Edom.*

† Heb. *of his father's sojournings.*

[a] Chap. 36. 7. Hebr. 11. 9. 1729.

|| Or, *pieces,* Judg. 5. 30. 2 Sam. 13. 18.

[b] Chap. 49. 23.

[c] Chap. 42. 6, 9. & 43. 26. & 44. 14.

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more; and, behold, [d]the sun, and the moon, and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

d Chap. 46. 29.

10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I, and thy mother, and thy brethren, indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

e Acts 7. 9.

11 And [e]his brethren envied him; but his father [f]observed the saying.

f Daniel 7. 28. Luke 2. 19, 51.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am I.*

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, † see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

† Heb. *see the peace of thy brethren, &c.*

15 ¶ And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks.*

17 And the man said, They are departed hence: for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in [g]Dothan.

g 2 Kings 6. 13.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this † dreamer cometh.

† Heb. *master of dreams.*

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit; and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And [h]Reuben heard *it,* and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

h Chap. 42. 22.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* ||colours, that *was* on him.

|| Or, *pieces.*

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.

25 [i]And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of [k]Ishmeelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery, and [l]balm, and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.

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i Amos 6. 6.
k See Verse 28, 36.
l Jerem. 8. 22.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother, *and* our flesh. And his brethren † were content.

† Heb. *hearkened.*

28 Then there passed by [m]Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, [n]and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for [o]twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

m Judges 6. 3.
n Psalm 105. 17. Wisdom 10. 13. Acts 7. 9.
o See Mat. 27. 9.

29 ¶ And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit: and he [p]rent his clothes.

p Job 1. 20.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not; and I, whither shall I go?

31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood:

32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat; an [q]evil beast hath devoured him: Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

q Chap. 44. 28.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons, and all his daughters rose up to comfort him: but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For [r]I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

r Chap. 42. 38. & 44. 29, 31.

36 And [s]the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an † officer of Pharaoh's, *and* † || captain of the guard.

s Chap. 39. 1.
† Heb. *eunuch:* but the word doth signify not only *eunuchs,* but also *chamberlains, courtiers,* and *officers.*
† Heb. *chief of the slaughtermen,* or, *executioners.*
|| Or, *chief marshal.*

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah.* 6 *Er marrieth Tamar.* 8 *The trespass of Onan.* 27 *The birth of Pharez and Zarah.*

AND it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah.

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2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* [a] Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

a 1 Chron. 2. 3.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.

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4 [b] And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

b Numb. 26. 19.

5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name [c] Shelah: and he was at Chezib when she bare him.

c Numb. 26. 20.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name *was* Tamar.

7 And [d] Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

d Numb. 26. 19.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto [e] thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

e Deuter. 25. 5.

9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his: and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did † displeased the LORD; wherefore he slew him also.

† Heb. *was evil in the eyes of the LORD.*

11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house till Shelah my son be grown: (for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did.*) And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

† Heb. *the days were multiplied.*

12 ¶ And † in process of time the daughter of Shuah, Judah's wife, died: and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up [f] to Timnath to shear his sheep.

f Judges 14. 1.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in † an open place, which *is* by the way to Timnath: for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

† Heb. *the door of eyes,* or, *of Enajim.*

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her *to be* an harlot; because she had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she *was* his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

17 And he said, I will send *thee* † a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge till thou send *it?*

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† Heb. *a kid of the goats.*

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that *is* in thine hand: and he gave *it* her, and came in unto her; and she conceived by him.

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where *is* the harlot that *was* ‖ openly by the way-side? And they said, There was no harlot in this *place.*

‖ Or, *in Enajim.*

22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, *that* there was no harlot in this *place.*

23 And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we † be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

† Heb. *become a contempt.*

24 ¶ And it came to pass, about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, [g] and let her be burnt.

g Levit. 21. 9.

25 When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man whose these *are, am* I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

26 And Judah acknowledged *them,* and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son: and he knew her again no more.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

‖ Or, *Wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?*

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out; and she said, ‖ How hast thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee: therefore his name was called ‖ [h] Pharez.

‖ That is, *A breach.*

h 1 Chron. 2. 4. Matth. 1. 3.

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30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand; and his name was called || Zarah.

|| That is, *Brightness.*

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *Joseph advanced in Potiphar's house,* 9 *resisteth his mistress' temptation:* 13 *he is falsely accused,* 19 *and cast into prison.* 21 *God is with him there.*

1729. AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and [a] Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, [b] bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

a Chap. 37. 36. Psalm 105. 17.
b Chap. 37. 28.

2 And [c] the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

c Verse 21. 1 Sam. 16. 18. & 18. 28. Acts 7. 9.

3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass, from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that [d] the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

d Chap. 30. 27.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person,* and well-favoured.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused; and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand:

9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and [e] sin against God?

e Chap. 20. 6. Levit. 6. 2. Psal. 51. 4.

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

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13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a † loud voice:

† Heb. *great.*

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and [f] put him into the [g] prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

f Psalm 105. 18.
g See Chap. 40. 15. & 41. 14.

21 ¶ But the LORD was with Joseph, and † shewed him mercy, and [h] gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

† Heb. *extended kindness unto him.*
h Exod. 3. 21. & 11. 3. & 12. 36. Psalm 106. 46. Prov. 16. 7. Daniel 1. 9.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it.*

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did the LORD made *it* to prosper.

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CHAP. XL.

1 *The butler and baker of Pharaoh are imprisoned:* 4 *Joseph hath charge of them:* 5 *he interpreteth their dreams.*

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

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2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

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3 [a] And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

a Chap. 39. 20, 23.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season in ward.

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5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers, that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore † look ye *so* sadly to-day?

† Heb. are *your faces evil?*

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, [b] *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

b See Chap. 41. 16. Daniel 2. 11, 28.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said unto him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;

10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes.

11 And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days.

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh [c] || lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

c 2 Kings 25. 27. Psalm 3. 3. Jer. 52. 31.

|| Or, *reckon.*

† Heb. *remember me with thee.*

14 But † think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me; and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; [d] and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

d Chap. 39. 20.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three || white baskets on my head:

|| Or, *full of holes.*

17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of † bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

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† Heb. *meat of Pharaoh, the work of a baker, or, cook.*

18 And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days.

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh || lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

|| Or, *reckon thee,* and take thy office *from thee.*

20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birth-day, that he [e] made a feast unto all his servants: and he || lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

e Mark 6. 21.

|| Or, *reckoned.*

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker; as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

CHAP. XLI.

1 *Pharaoh's two dreams:* 25 *Joseph interpreteth them:* 33 *he giveth Pharaoh counsel.* 38 *Joseph is advanced:* 50 *he begetteth Manasseh and Ephraim:* 53 *the famine beginneth.*

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed; and, behold, he stood by the river.

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2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favoured kine, and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favoured and lean-fleshed; and stood by the *other* kine, upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept, and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, † rank and good.

† Heb. *full.*

6 And, behold, seven thin ears, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning, [a] that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magi-

a Daniel 2. 1.

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cians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dreams; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, [b] and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he: we dreamed [c] each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he [d] interpreted to us our dreams: to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was: me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ [e] Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they † brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* ‖ thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor, and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness.

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine.

21 And when they had † eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill-favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, ‖ withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them;

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. And I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

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25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.

26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

27 And the seven thin and ill-favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be [f] seven years of famine.

28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: what God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land:

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very † grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* ‖ established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint ‖ officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land † perish not through the famine.

37 ¶ And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man [g] in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*:

[b] Chap. 39. 20.

[c] Chap. 40. 5.

[d] Chap. 40. 12, &c.

[e] Psalm 105. 20.

† Heb. *made him run.*

‖ Or, when *thou hearest a dream, thou canst interpret it.*

† Heb. *come to the inwardparts of them.*

‖ Or, *small.*

[f] 2 Kings 8. 1.

† Heb. *heavy.*

‖ Or, *prepared of God.*

‖ Or, *overseers.*

† Heb. *be not cut off.*

[g] Numb. 27. 18. Dan. 5. 11.

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40 [h] Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people † be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh [i] took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of ‖ fine linen, [k] and put a gold chain about his neck:

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; [l] and they cried before him, ‖ † Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name ‖ Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pherah ‖ priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ (And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.) And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering: for *it was* without number.

50 ¶ [m] And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came; which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pherah ‖ priest of On, bare unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the first-born ‖ Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he ‖ Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 [n] And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

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55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened † all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 [o] And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn;* because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *Jacob sendeth his ten sons to buy corn in Egypt:* 6 *they are imprisoned by Joseph for spies.*

NOW, when [a] Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

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2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may [b] live, and not die.

3 ¶ And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and [c] bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake † roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph [d] remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord; but to buy food are thy servants come.

h Psalm 105. 21. 1 Mac. 2. 53. Acts 7. 10. † Heb. *be armed, or, kiss.*
i Esther 3. 10. & 8. 2, 8.
‖ Or, *silk.*
k Daniel 5. 7, 29.
l Esther 6. 9.
‖ Or, *Tender father,* Chap. 45. 8.
† Heb. *Abrech.*
‖ That is, *A revealer of secrets.*
‖ Or, *prince.*
m Chap. 46. 20. & 48. 5.
‖ Or, *prince,* 2 Sam. 8. 18.
cir. 1712.
‖ That is, *Forgetting.*
cir. 1711.
‖ That is, *Fruitful.*
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n Psalm 105. 16.
† Heb. *all wherein was.*
o Deuter. 9. 28.
a Acts 7. 12.
b Chap. 43. 8. Psalm 118. 17. Isa. 38. 1.
c Chap. 37. 7.
† Heb. *hard things with them.*
d Chap. 37. 5.

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11 We *are* all one man's sons: we *are* true *men,* thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one [e] *is* not.

[e] Lament. 5. 7. See Chap. 44. 20.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies.

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: [f] By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

[f] See 1 Sam. 1. 26. & 17. 55. Judith 11. 7.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be † kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely ye *are* spies.

† Heb. *bound.*

17 And he † put them all together into ward three days.

† Heb. *gathered.*

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live: [g] *for* I fear God.

[g] Nehem. 5. 15.

19 If ye *be* true *men,* let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But [h] bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

[h] Chap. 43. 5. & 44. 23.

21 ¶ And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, [i] Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

[i] Chap. 37. 21.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them;* for † he spake unto them by an interpreter.

† Heb. *an interpreter was between them.*

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

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27 And as [k] one of them opened his sack, to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

[k] See Chap. 43. 21.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart † failed *them,* and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

† Heb. *went forth.*

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them, saying,

30 The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake † roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

† Heb. *with us hard things.*

31 And we said unto him, We *are* true *men;* we are no spies.

32 We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true *men:* leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone;

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me; then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that* ye *are* true *men: so* will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to pass, as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children:* Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away:* all these things are against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: [l] if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, then shall ye [m] bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

[l] Chap. 44. 29.

[m] Chap. 37. 35. & 44. 31.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 *Jacob is hardly persuaded to send Benjamin.* 15 *Joseph entertaineth his brethren,* 26 *and maketh them a feast.*

AND the famine *was* sore in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had

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brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man † did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your [a] brother *be* with you.

† Heb. *protesting protested.*

a Chap. 42. 20. & 44. 23.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.

6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

† Heb. *asking asked us.*

7 And they said, The man † asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the † tenor of these words. † Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

† Heb. *mouth.*

† Heb. *Knowing, could we know?*

8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: [b] if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever.

b Chap. 44. 32.

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned ‖ this second time.

‖ Or, *twice by this.*

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this; Take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds:

12 And take double money in your hand: and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight.

13 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. [c] ‖ If I be bereaved *of my children*, I am bereaved.

c Esther 4. 16.

‖ Or, *And I, as I have been, &c.*

15 ¶ And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and † slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall † dine with me at noon.

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† Heb. *kill a killing.*

† Heb. *eat.*

17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in, that he may † seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bond-men, and our asses.

† Heb. *roll himself upon us.*

19 ¶ And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20 And said, O sir, [d] † we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

d Chap. 42. 3.

† Heb. *coming down, we came down.*

21 And [e] it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; and we have brought it again in our hand.

e Chap. 42. 27, 35.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not; your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: † I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

† Heb. *your money came to me.*

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and [f] gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

f Chap. 18. 4. & 24. 32.

25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and [g] bowed themselves to him to the earth.

g Chap. 37. 7, 10.

27 And he asked them of *their* † welfare, and said, † *Is* your father well, the old man [h] of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?

† Heb. *peace.*

† Heb. *Is there peace to your father?*

h Chap. 42. 11, 13.

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your

younger brother, [1] of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

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[i] Chap. 42. 13.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians which did eat with him by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* [k] an abomination unto the Egyptians.

[k] Chap. 46. 34. Exod. 8. 26.

33 And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and † were merry with him.

† Heb. *drank largely*; See Haggai 1. 6. John 2. 10.

CHAP. XLIV.

Joseph's policy to stay his brethren.

AND he commanded † the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

† Heb. him *that* was *over his house.*

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn-money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he ‖ divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

‖ Or, *maketh trial?*

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the money which we found in our sacks' mouths we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

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9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both [a] let him die, and we also will be my lord's bond-men.

[a] Chap. 31. 32.

10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; (for he *was* yet there:) and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly ‖ divine?

‖ Or, *make trial?*

16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, [b] Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

[b] Chap. 42. 15.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, [c] Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

[c] Chap. 43. 3, 5.

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24 And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

d Chap. 43. 2. 25 And [d] our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that [e] my wife bare me two *sons:*

e Chap. 46. 19.

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, [f] Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

f Chap. 37. 33.

29 And if ye take this also from me, and [g] mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

g Chap. 42. 38.

30 Now therefore, when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; (seeing that [h] his life is bound up in the lad's life;)

h 1 Sam. 18. 1.

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us,* that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, [i] If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

i Chap. 43. 9.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bond-man to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad *be* not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall † come on my father.

† Heb. *find out father.*

CHAP. XLV.

1 *Joseph maketh himself known to his brethren:* 9 *he sendeth for his father,* 25 *who is revived at the news.*

THEN Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

† Heb. *gave forth his voice in weeping.* 2 And he † wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, a I *am* Joseph: doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were ‖ troubled at his presence.

a Acts 7. 13.

‖ Or, *terrified.*

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, [b] whom ye sold into Egypt.

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b Chap. 37. 28.

5 Now therefore be not grieved † nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither; [c] for God did send me before you to preserve life.

† Heb. *neither let there be anger in your eyes.*

c Chap. 50. 20. Psalm 105. 16, 17. See 2 Sam. 16. 10. 1706.

6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.

Acts 4. 24.

7 And God sent me before you † to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

† Heb. *to put for you a remnant.*

8 So now, *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me [d] a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

d Chap. 41. 43.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And [e] thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

e Chap. 47. 1.

11 And there will I nourish thee, (for yet *there are* five years of famine,) lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen: and ye shall haste and [f] bring down my father hither.

f Acts 7. 14.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover, he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come. And it † pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

† Heb. *was good in the eyes of Pharaoh.*

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

18 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall [g] eat the fat of the land.

g Chap. 27. 28.

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19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; Take you waggons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

† Heb. *let not your eye spare,* &c.

20 Also †regard not your stuff: for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

21 ¶ And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them waggons, according to the †commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

† Heb. *mouth.*

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this *manner;* ten asses †laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

† Heb. *carrying.*

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. [h] And †Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

h Job 29. 24. Psalm 126. 1. Luke 24. 41.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the waggons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

† Heb. *his.*

28 And Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 *Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-sheba:* 5 *he goeth into Egypt:* 8 *the number of his family:* 28 *Joseph meeteth him.*

AND Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices [a] unto the God of his father Isaac.

a Chap. 26. 24, 25. & 28. 13.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.

3 And he said, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again:* and [b] Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

b Chap. 50. 1.

c Acts 7. 15.

5 ¶ [c] And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the waggons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

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6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, [d] Jacob, and all his seed with him:

d Joshua 24. 4. Psalm 105. 23. Isa. 52. 4.

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed, brought he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And [e] these *are* the names of the children of Israel which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: [f] Reuben, Jacob's first-born.

e Exod. 1. 1. & 6. 14.

f Numb. 26. 5. 1 Chron. 5. 1.

9 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 ¶ And [g] the sons of Simeon, ||Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and ||Jachin, and ||Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

g Exod. 6. 15. 1 Chron. 4. 24.

|| Or, *Nemuel.*

|| Or, *Jarib.*

|| Or, *Zerah,* 1 Chron. 4. 24.

11 ¶ And the sons of [h] Levi; ||Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

h 1 Chron. 6. 1, 16.

|| Or, *Gershom.*

12 ¶ And the sons of [i] Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but [k] Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And [l] the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

i 1 Chron. 2. 3. & 4. 21.

k Chap. 38. 3, 7, 10.

13 ¶ And [m] the sons of Issachar; Tola, and ||Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

l Chap. 38. 29. 1 Chron. 2. 5.

m 1 Chron. 7. 1.

14 ¶ And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

|| Or, *Puah,* and *Jashub.*

15 These *be* the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* thirty and three.

16 ¶ And the sons of Gad; [n] Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and ||Ezbon, Eri, and ||Arodi, and Areli.

n Numb. 26. 15, &c. *Zephon.*

|| Or, *Ozni.*

|| Or, *Arod.*

17 ¶ [o] And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

o 1 Chron. 7. 30.

18 [p] These *are* the sons of Zilpah, [q] whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bare unto Jacob, *even* sixteen souls.

p Chap. 30. 10.

q Chap. 29. 24.

19 ¶ The sons of Rachel, [r] Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

r Chap. 44. 27.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, [s] which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pherah ||priest of On, bare unto him.

s Chap. 41. 50.

|| Or, *prince.*

21 ¶ [t] And the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel,

t 1 Chron. 7. 6. & 8. 1.

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Gera, and Naaman, [u] Ehi, and Rosh, [x] Muppim, and || Huppim, and Ard.

22 These *are* the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen.

23 ¶ [y] And the sons of Dan; ||Hushim.

24 ¶ [z] And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 [a] These *are* the sons of Bilhah, [b] which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter; and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls *were* seven.

26 [c] All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his †loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six.

27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: [d] all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were* threescore and ten.

28 ¶ And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him: and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, [e] Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive.

31 ¶ And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me:

32 And the men *are* shepherds, for †their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and [f] shall say, What *is* your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we *and* also our fathers; that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen: for every shepherd *is* [g] an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 *Joseph presenteth five of his brethren,*
7 *and his father, before Pharaoh:*
11 *he giveth them habitation and maintenance.*

THEN Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father, and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in [a] the land of Goshen.

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2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, [b] Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt *is* before thee: in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, †How old *art* thou?

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, [c] The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 ¶ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, [d] in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, || †according to *their* families.

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land: for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt, and *all* the land of Canaan, fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

u Numb. 26. 38, 59. *Ahiram.*
x Numb. 26. 39. *Shupham,* 1 Chron. 7. 12. *Shuppim.*
|| Or, *Hupham.*
y 1 Chron. 7. 12.
|| Or, *Shuham,* Numb. 26. 42.
z 1 Chron. 7. 13.
a Chap. 30. 5.
b Chap. 29. 29.
c Exod. 1. 5.
† Heb. *thigh.*
d Deuter. 10. 22. See Acts 7. 14.
e So Luke 2. 29.
† Heb. *they are men of cattle.*
f Chap. 47. 2, 3.
g Chap. 43. 32. Ex. 8. 26.

a Chap. 45. 10.
b Chap. 46. 34.
† Heb. *How many are the days of the years of thy life?*
c Hebr. 11. 9, 13.
d Exod. 1. 11. & 12. 37.
|| Or, *as a little child is nourished.*
† Heb. *according to the little ones.*

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15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses; and he †fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

† Heb. *led them.*

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle: there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies and our lands.

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh; and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

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20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end thereof.

e Ezra 7. 24. || Or, *princes.*

22 [e] Only the land of the || priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 ¶ Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land, for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass, in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part;* except the land of the || priests only, *which* became not Pharaoh's.

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|| Or, *princes.*

27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 ¶ And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so † the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

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† Heb. *the days of the years of his life.*

29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, [f] put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; [g] bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

f Chap. 24. 2.

g So Chap. 50. 25.

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and [h] bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

h Chap. 49. 29.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And [i] Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

i Chap. 48. 2. 1 Kings 1. 47. Hebr. 11. 21.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 *Joseph visiteth his sick father.* 3 *Jacob repeateth the promise,* 21 *and prophesieth their return to Canaan.*

AND it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, thy father *is* sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee. And Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3 ¶ And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at [a] Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

a Chap. 28. 13. & 35. 6.

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee, *for* an everlasting possession.

5 ¶ And now thy [b] two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine: as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

b Chap. 41. 50. & 46. 20. Josh. 13. 7. & 14. 4.

6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, [c] Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when

c Chap. 35. 19.

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yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same *is* Beth-lehem.

8 ¶ And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these?

9 And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

d Chap. 27. 1. † Heb. *heavy.*

10 (Now [d] the eyes of Israel were † dim for age, *so that* he could not see.) And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face; and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him.

14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was* the first-born.

e Hebr. 11. 21. f Chap. 17. 1. & 24. 40.

15 ¶ And [e] he blessed Joseph, and said, God, [f] before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

g Chap. 28. 15. & 31. 11, 13.

16 The Angel [g] which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them † grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

† Heb. *as fishes do increase*: See Numb. 26. 34, 37.

17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly [h] his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a † multitude of nations.

h Numb. 1. 33. 35. & 2. 19, 21. Deuter. 33. 17. Revel. 7. 6, 8. † Heb. *fulness.*

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, [i] In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim, and as Manasseh. And he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

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21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover, [k] I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand [l] of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

k Joshua 24. 32. John 4. 5. l Chap. 15. 16. & 34. 28.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *Jacob calleth his sons to bless them:* 3 *their blessing in particular; the blessing of Reuben, Simeon, Levi,* &c. 29 *he chargeth them concerning his burial:* 33 *his death.*

AND Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you [a] in the last days.

a Numb. 24. 14. Deuter. 4. 30. Isa. 2. 2. & 39. 6. Jer. 23. 20. Dan. 2. 29. Acts 2. 17. Hebr. 1. 2.

2 Gather yourselves together and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

3 ¶ Reuben, thou *art* [b] my firstborn, my might, [c] and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

b Chap. 29. 32. c Deuter. 21. 17. Psal. 78. 51.

4 Unstable as water, † [d] thou shalt not excel; because thou [e] wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: || he went up to my couch.

† Heb. *do not thou excel.* d 1 Chron. 5. 1. e Chap. 35. 22. 1 Chron. 5. 1.

5 ¶ [f] Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; || [g] instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.

‖ Or, *my couch is gone.* f Chap. 29. 33, 34.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, [h] mine honour, be not thou united! for [i] in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they || digged down a wall.

‖ Or, *their swords are weapons of violence.* g Chap. 34. 25. h Psalm 16. 9. i Chap. 34. 26.

7 Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: [k] I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

8 ¶ [l] Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: [m] thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; [n] thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

‖ Or, *houghed oxen.* k Joshua 19. 1. & 21. 5, 6, 7. l Chron. 4. 24, 39.

9 Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: [o] he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

l Chap. 29. 35. m Psalm 18. 40. n 1 Chron. 5. 2. o Numb. 23. 24. & 24. 9.

10 [p] The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor [q] a lawgiver from between his feet, [r] until Shiloh come; [s] and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*:

p Numb. 24. 17. Jer. 30. 21. Zechar. 10. 11.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine;

q Psalm 60. 7. & 108. 8. or, Numb. 4. Hag. 2. 7.

21. 18. r Ezek. 21. 27. Luke 1. 32. s Isaiah 42.

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he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His [t]eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ [u]Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships: and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.

14 ¶ Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed [x]his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16 ¶ [y]Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

17 [z]Dan shall be a serpent by the way, † an adder in the path, that biteth the horse-heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 [a]I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD!

19 ¶ [b]Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

20 ¶ [c]Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

21 ¶ [d]Naphtali *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, *even* a fruitful bough by a well, *whose* † branches run over the wall.

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him*, and hated him:

24 But his [e]bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of [f]the mighty *God* of Jacob: (from thence [g]*is* the Shepherd, [h]the stone of Israel:)

25 [i]*Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee, [k]and by the Almighty, [l]who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed [m]above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, [n]and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

27 ¶ Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf: [o]in the morning he shall devour the prey, [p]and at night he shall divide the spoil.

28 ¶ All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I [q]am to be gathered unto my people: [r]bury me with my fathers [s]in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite;

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30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, [t]which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite, for a possession of a burying-place.

31 [u]There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; [x]there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the field, and of the cave that *is* therein, *was* from the children of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

1 *The mourning for Jacob.* 7 *The funeral.* 24 *Joseph prophesieth to his brethren of their return:* 26 *his death; he is put into a coffin,* &c.

AND Joseph [a]fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to [b]embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; (for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed;) and the Egyptians † mourned for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 [c]My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave [d]which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 ¶ And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

t Prov. 23. 29.
u Deuter. 33. 18. Joshua 19. 10, 11.
x 1 Sam. 10. 9.
y Deuter. 33. 22.
z Judges 18. 27.
† Heb. *an arrow-snake.*
a Psalm 119. 166. Isa. 25. 9.
b Deuter. 33. 20. 1 Chron. 5. 18.
c Deuter. 33. 24. Joshua 19. 24.
d Deuter. 33. 23.
† Heb. *daughters.*
e Job 29. 20.
f Psalm 132. 2.
g Psalm 80. 1.
h Isaiah 28. 16.
i Chap. 28. 13. & 35. 3, 11.
k Chap. 17. 1.
l Deuter. 33. 13.
m Deuter. 33. 15. Hab. 3. 6.
n Deuter. 33. 16.
o Judges 20. 21, 25.
p Numb. 23. 24. Ezekiel 39. 10. Zech. 14. 1, 7.
q Chap. 15. 15. & 25. 8.
r Chap. 47. 30.
s Chap. 50. 13.
t Chap. 23. 16.
u Chap. 23. 19. & 25. 9.
x Chap. 35. 29.
a Chap. 46. 4.
b 2 Chron. 16. 14. John 19. 40.
† Heb. *wept.*
c Chap. 47. 29.
d 2 Chron. 16. 14. Isa. 22. 16. Mat. 27. 60.

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9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: [e] and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

e 1 Sam. 31. 13. Job 2. 13.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called || Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan.

|| That is, *The mourning of the Egyptians.*

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

13 For [f] his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham [g] bought with the field, for a possession of a buryingplace, of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

f Chap. 49. 30. Acts 7. 16.

g Chap. 23. 16.

14 ¶ And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they † sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

† Heb. *charged.*

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, Before CHRIST 1689. we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, [h] Fear not: [i] for *am* I in the place of God?

h Chap. 45. 5.
i Rom. 12. 19.

20 [k] But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

k Isaiah 10. 7.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake † kindly unto them.

† Heb. *to their hearts.*

22 ¶ And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. 1635.

23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children [l] of the third *generation:* [m] the children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, [n] were † brought up upon Joseph's knees.

l Job 42. 16.
m Numb. 32. 39.
n Chap. 30. 3.
† Heb. *borne.*

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and [o] God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land [p] which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

o Exod. 3. 16. Hebr. 11. 22.
p Chap. 15. 14. & 26. 3. & 35. 12. & 46. 4.

25 And [q] Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

q Exod. 13. 19. Josh. 24. 32. Acts 7. 16.

26 So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The children of Israel multiply:*
8 *they are oppressed by a new king.*
15 *The godliness of the midwives.*

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NOW [a] these *are* the names of the children of Israel which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

a Genes. 46. 8. Chap. 6. 14.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the † loins of Jacob were [b] seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already.*

† Heb. *thigh.*
b Genes. 46. 27. Deuter. 10. 22.

6 And [c] Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

c Genes. 50. 26.

7 [d] And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. Before CHRIST 1635.

d Deuter. 26. 5. Acts 7. 17.

8 ¶ Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, [e] the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we.

e Psalm 105. 24.

10 Come on, [f] let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

f Acts 7. 19.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters [g] to afflict them with their burdens. And they built

g Genes. 15. 13.

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for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithom [h] and Raamses.

h Genes. 47. 11.

12 † But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

† Heb. *And as they afflicted them, so they multiplied,* &c.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, [i] in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

i Psalm 81. 6.

15 ¶ And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives; (of which the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah;)

16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools, if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.

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17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive?

k See Josh. 2. 4, &c. 2 Sam. 17. 19, 20.

19 And [k] the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, [l] that he made them houses.

l See 1 Sam. 2. 35. 2 Sam. 7. 11, 27, 29. 1 Kings 2. 24. & 11. 38. Psalm 127. 1. cir. 1573.

22 ¶ And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, [m] Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

m Acts 7. 19.

CHAP. II.

1 *Moses is born, and laid in an ark among the flags: 5 he is found, and brought up by Pharaoh's daughter.*

AND there [a] went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.

a Chap. 6. 20. Numb. 26. 59. 1 Chron. 23. 14. 1571.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was *a* goodly *child,* she [b] hid him three months.

b Acts 7. 20. Heb. 11. 23.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink.

4 [c] And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

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5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side: and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

c Numb. 26. 59.

6 And when she had opened *it,* she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name || Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

|| That is, *Drawn out.*

11 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, [d] when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

d Acts 7. 23. Hebr. 11. 24.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

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13 And [e] when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

e Acts 7. 26.

14 And he said, Who made thee † a prince and a judge over us? Intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

† Heb. *a man, a prince.*

15 Now, when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But [f] Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

f Acts 7. 29.

16 ¶ [g] Now the || priest of Midian had seven daughters: [h] and they came and drew *water,* and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

g Chap. 3. 1. || Or, *prince,* as Genes. 41. 45. h Genes. 24. 11.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood

up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came [i] to Reuel their father, he said, How *is it that* ye are come so soon to-day?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

22 And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name [k] Gershom; for he said, I have been [l] a stranger in a strange land.

23 ¶ And it came to pass [m] in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel [n] sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried; and [o] their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his [p] covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God †[q] had respect unto *them*.

CHAP. III.

1 *Moses keepeth Jethro's flock:* 2 *God appeareth to him in a burning bush:* 7 *he sendeth him to deliver Israel:* 15 *his message to Israel.*

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, [a] the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back-side of the desert, and came to [b] the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a [c] flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him [d] out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: [e] put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, [f] I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for [g] he was afraid to look upon God.

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and [h] have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows:

8 And [i] I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of [k] the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 [l] Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, [m] Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, [n] Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee that I have sent thee; When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, [o] I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* [p] my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and [q] gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, [r] I

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i Numb. 10. 29.

k Chap. 18. 3.
l Hebr. 11. 13, 14.

m Chap. 7. 7. Acts 7. 30.

n Numb. 20. 16.
o Genes. 18. 20. Chap. 22. 23, 27. Deuter. 24. 19. James 5. 4.
p Genes. 15. 14. & 46. 4.

† Heb. *knew.*
q Chap. 3. 7.

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a Chap. 2. 16.

b Chap. 18. 5. 1 Kings 19. 8.

c Deuter. 33. 16. Acts 7. 30.

d Deuter. 33. 16.

e Joshua 5. 15. Acts 7. 33.

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f Matth. 22. 32. Mark 12. 26. Luke 20. 37. Acts 7. 32.
g So 1 Kings 19. 13. Isa. 6. 1, 5.
h Chap. 2. 23.
i Genes. 11. 5, 7. & 18. 21.

k Genes. 15. 18.

l Psalm 105. 26.

m See Isaiah 6. 5, 8. Jerem. 1. 6.

n Joshua 1. 5.

o Chap. 6. 3. 2 Corinth. 1. 20. Hebr. 13. 8. Revel. 1. 4.

p Psalm 135. 13.

q Chap. 4. 29.

r Genes. 50. 24.

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have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt:

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

s Chap. 4. 31.

18 And [s] they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD [t] God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

t Chap. 5. 3.

19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, || no, not by a mighty hand.

|| Or, *but by strong hand.*

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

u Genes. 15. 14. Chap. 11. 2. & 12. 35.

22 [u] But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and [x] ye shall spoil || the Egyptians.

x Ezekiel 39. 10.

|| Or, *Egypt.*

CHAP. IV.

1 *Moses' rod is turned into a serpent:* 6 *his hand becometh leprous.* 21 *God's message to Pharaoh.*

AND Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, [a] A rod.

a Verses 17, 20.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent: and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous [b] as snow.

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b Numb. 12. 10. 2 Kings 5. 27.

7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land:* and [c] the water which thou takest out of the river † shall become blood upon the dry *land.*

c Chap. 7. 19

† Heb. *shall be and shall be.*

10 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not † eloquent, neither † heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but [d] I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

† Heb. *a man of words.*

† Heb. *since yesterday, nor since the third day.*

11 And the LORD said unto him, [e] Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

d Chap. 6. 12.

e Psalm 94. 9.

12 Now therefore go, and I will be [f] with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

f Isa. 50. 4. Mat. 10. 19. Mark 13. 11. Luke 12. 11.

13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou || wilt send.

|| Or, *shouldest.*

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And [g] thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

g Chap. 7. 1, 2.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and [h] thou shalt be to him instead of God.

h Chap. 7. 1. & 18. 19.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

18 ¶ And Moses went and returned to † Jethro his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray

† Heb. *Jether.*

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thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for [i] all the men are dead which sought thy life.

i Chap. 2. 15, 23. Mat. 2. 20.

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took [k] the rod of God in his hand.

k Numb. 20. 8, 9.

21 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see *that* thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in thine hand: but [l] I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

l Chap. 7. 3, 13. & 9. 12. & 10. 1. & 14. 8. Deut. 2. 30. Joshua 11. 20. Isa. 63. 17. John 12. 40. Rom. 9. 18.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, [m] Israel *is* my son, [n] *even* my first-born:

m Rom. 9. 4. n Jerem. 31. 9. Jam. 1. 18.

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, [o] I will slay thy son, *even* thy first-born.

o Chap. 11. 5. & 12. 29.

24 ¶ And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD [p] met him, and sought to kill him.

p Numb. 22. 22.

25 Then Zipporah took [q] a sharp ||stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and †cast *it* at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me.

q Joshua 5. 2, 3. || Or, *knife*. † Heb. *made* it *touch*.

26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of the circumcision.

27 ¶ And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in [r] the mount of God, and kissed him.

r Chap. 3. 1.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then [s] they bowed their heads, and worshipped.

s Chap. 12. 27.

CHAP. V.

1 *Pharaoh chideth Moses and Aaron:* 6 *he increaseth the Israelites' task.*

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

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2 And Pharaoh said, [a] Who *is* the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

a 2 Kings 18. 35. Job 21. 15.

3 And they said, [b] The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

b Chap. 3. 18.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 ¶ And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God.

9 †Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.

† Heb. *Let the work be heavy upon the men.*

10 ¶ And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hasted *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* †daily tasks, as when there was straw.

† Heb. *a matter of a day in his day.*

14 And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to-day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?

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16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own people.

17 But he said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle; therefore ye say, Let us go *and* do sacrifice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now *and* work: for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil *case*, after it was said, Ye shall not minish *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh;

c Chap. 6. 9.

21 [c] And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour † to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

† Heb. *to stink*, Genes. 34. 30.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou *so* evil-entreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; † neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

† Heb. *delivering thou hast not delivered.*

CHAP. VI.

1 *God reneweth his promise by his name JEHOVAH.* 14 *The genealogy of Reuben,* 15 *of Simeon,* 16 *of Levi.*

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for [a] with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand [b] shall he drive them out of his land.

a Chap. 3. 19.

b Chap. 11. 1. & 12. 31, 33, 39.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* [c] God Almighty; but by my name [d] JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

c Genes. 17. 1. & 35. 11. & 48. 3.

d Chap. 3. 14.

4 [e] And I have also established my covenant with them, [f] to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

e Genes. 17. 4.

f Genes. 17. 8. & 28. 4.

5 And [g] I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

g Chap. 2. 24.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage; and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments.

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7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out [h] from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

h Chap. 5. 4, 5. Psal. 81. 6.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did † [i] swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *lift up my hand.* See Genes. 14. 22. Deuter. 32. 40.

i Genes. 15. 18. & 26. 3. & 35. 12.

9 ¶ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: [k] but they hearkened not unto Moses for † anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

k Chap. 5. 21.

† Heb. *shortness*, or, *straitness.*

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, [l] who *am* of uncircumcised lips?

l Verse 30. Chap. 4. 10. Jerem. 1. 6.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: [m] The sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel; Hanoch and Phallu, Hezron and Carmi: these *be* the families of Reuben.

m Genes. 46. 9. 1 Chron. 5. 3.

15 ¶ [n] And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these *are* the families of Simeon.

n 1 Chron. 4. 24.

16 ¶ And these *are* the names of [o] the sons of Levi, according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven years.

o Numb. 3. 17. 1 Chron. 6. 1, 16. 1619.

17 [p] The sons of Gershon; Libni and Shimi, according to their families.

p 1 Chron. 6. 17. & 23. 7.

18 And [q] the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* an hundred thirty and three years.

q Numb. 26. 57. 1 Chron. 6. 2, 18.

19 And [r] the sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi: these *are* the families of Levi, according to their generations.

r 1 Chron. 6. 19. & 23. 21.

20 And [s] Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses. And the

s Chap. 2. 1, 2. Numb. 26. 59.

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years of the life of Amram *were* an hundred and thirty and seven years.

t Numb. 16. 1. 1 Chron. 6. 37, 38.

21 ¶ And [t] the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

u Levit. 10. 4. Numb. 3. 30.

22 And [u] the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

x Ruth 4. 19, 20. 1 Chron. 2. 10.

23 And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of [x] Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him [y] Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

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y Numb. 3. 2. & 26. 60. 1 Chron. 6. 3. & 24. 1.

24 And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these *are* the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and [z] she bare him Phinehas: these *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families.

z Numb. 25. 11.

26 These *are* that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, according to their armies.

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27 These *are* they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.

28 ¶ And it came to pass, on the day *when* the LORD spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I *am* the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

a Verse 12. Chap. 4. 10.

30 And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, [a] I *am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Moses is encouraged to go to Pharaoh:*
8 *his rod is turned into a serpent.*
13 *Pharaoh's heart is hardened.*
19 *The river is turned into blood.*

a Chap. 4. 16. Jer. 1. 10.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made [a] thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

b Chap. 4. 21.

3 And [b] I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt

c Chap. 6. 6.

[c] by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

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6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses *was* fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, [d] Take thy rod, and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it shall become a serpent.

d Chap. 4. 2, 17.

10 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also [e] called the wise men and [f] the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments:

e Genes. 41. 8. f 2 Tim. 3. 8.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; [g] as the LORD had said.

g Chap. 4. 21.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [h] Pharaoh's heart *is* hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

h Chap. 8. 15. & 10. 1, 20, 27.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, [i] that they may serve me in the wilderness; and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

i Chap. 3. 12, 18. & 5. 1, 3.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: [k] behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned to [l] blood.

k Chap. 4. 9.

l Revel. 16. 4, 6.

18 And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their

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ponds, and upon all their † pools of water, that they may become blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone.

† Heb. *gathering of their waters.*

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded: and he [m] lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the [n] waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.

m Chap. 17. 5.

n Psalm 78. 44. & 105. 29.

21 And the fish that *was* in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 [o] And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; [p] as the LORD had said.

o Wisdom 17. 7.

p Verse 3.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAP. VIII.

2 *Frogs are sent.* 16 *The dust is turned into lice.* 20 *The plague of flies.* 32 *Pharaoh is hardened.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with [a] frogs.

a Revel. 16. 13.

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up, and come into thine house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy ||kneading-troughs.

|| Or, *dough.*

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

b Psalm 78. 45. & 105. 30.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and [b] the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

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7 [c] And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

c Wisdom 17. 7.

8 ¶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, [d] Entreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

d Chap. 9. 28. & 10. 17. Num. 21. 7. 1 Kings 13. 6. Acts 8. 24.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, ||Glory over me: ||when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, †to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only?

|| Or, *Have this honour over me, &c.*

|| Or, *against when.*

† Heb. *to cut off.*

10 And he said, ||To-morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.

|| Or, *Against to-morrow.*

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps; and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, [e] he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

e Chap. 7. 14.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so: for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and [f] it became lice in man and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

f Psalm 105. 31.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* [g] the finger of God. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

g 1 Sam. 6. 3, 9. Psalm 8. 3. Matth. 12. 28. Luke 11. 20.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, (lo, he cometh forth to the water,) and say unto him,

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Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me:

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send || swarms *of flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies,* and also the ground whereon they *are.*

|| Or, *a mixture of noisome beasts, &c.*

22 And [h] I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

h Chap. 9. 4, 26. & 10. 23. & 12. 13.

23 And I will put † a division between my people and thy people: || to-morrow shall this sign be.

† Heb. *a redemption.*

|| Or, *by to-morrow.*

24 And the LORD did so: and [i] there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was || corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies.*

i Psalm 78. 45. & 105. 31. Wisd. 16. 9.

|| Or, *destroyed.*

25 ¶ And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice [k] the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

k Genes. 43. 32. & 46. 34.

27 We will go [l] three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as [m] he shall command us.

l Chap. 3. 18.

m Chap. 3. 12.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: [n] entreat for me.

n Verse 8. Chap. 9. 28. 1 Kings 13. 6.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one.

o Verse 15. Chap. 4. 21.

32 And Pharaoh [o] hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

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1 *The murrain of beasts.* 8 *The plague of boils and blains,* 22 *and of hail.*

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

4 And [a] the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel.

a Chap. 8. 22.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and [b] all the cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

b Psalm 78. 50.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And [c] the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

c Chap. 7. 14.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh;

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be [d] a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

d Revel. 16. 2.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became [e] a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast.

e Deuter. 28. 27.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; [f] as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

f Chap. 4. 21.

13 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

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14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

g Rom. 9. 17. See Chap. 14. 17. Prov. 16. 4. 1 Peter 2. 9.

16 And in very deed for [g] this *cause* have I † raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

† Heb. *made thee stand.*

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to-morrow about this time, I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

† Heb. *set not his heart unto.*

21 And he that † regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be [h] hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

h Revel. 16. 21.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and [i] the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

i Psalm 78. 47. & 105. 32.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

k Chap. 8. 22. & 10. 23. & 11. 7. & 12. 13.

26 [k] Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

27 ¶ And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

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28 [l] Entreat the LORD, (for *it is* enough,) that there be no *more* † mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

l Chap. 8. 8, 28. & 10. 17. Acts 8. 24.

† Heb. *voices of God.*

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the [m] earth *is* the LORD's.

m Psalm 24. 1.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten; for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.

32 [n] But the wheat and the rye were not smitten; for they *were* † not grown up.

n Ruth 1. 22. & 2. 23.

† Heb. *hidden*, or, *dark.*

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, and the hail, and the thunders, were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And [o] the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken † by Moses.

o Chap. 4. 21.

† Heb. *by the hand of Moses.*

CHAP. X.

12 *The plague of locusts,* 21 *of darkness.*
27 *Pharaoh's heart hardened.*

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: [a] for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

a Chap. 4. 21. & 7. 14.

2 And that [b] thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy sons' son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

b Psalm 71. 18. & 78. 5, &c.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me:

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the [c] locusts into thy coast.

c Wisdom 16. 9.

5 And they shall cover the † face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and [d] they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the

† Heb. *eye.*

d Joel 1. 4.

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hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field.

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 ¶ And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* † who *are* they that shall go?

† Heb. *who and who, &c.*

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go: for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it;* for evil *is* before you.

11 Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

e Psalms 78. 46. & 105. 34.

14 And [e] the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were they;* [f] before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

f Joel 2. 2.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

† Heb. *hastened to call.*

16 ¶ Then Pharaoh † called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

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17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and [g] entreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

g Chap. 9. 28.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and † cast them [h] into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

† Heb. *fastened.* h Joel 2. 20.

20 But the LORD [i] hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

i Chap. 4. 21. & 11. 10.

21 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, † even darkness *which* may be felt.

† Heb. *that one may feel darkness.*

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was [k] a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

k Psalm 105. 28. Wisdom 17. 2, &c.

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: [l] but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

l Chap. 8. 22. Wisd. 18. 1.

24 ¶ And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said, Thou must give † us also sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

† Heb. *into our hands.*

26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind: for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD until we come thither.

27 ¶ But the LORD [m] hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

m Chap. 14. 4, 8.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more: for in *that* day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well; [n] I will see thy face again no more.

n Hebr. 11. 27.

CHAP. XI.

1 *God's message to the Israelites to borrow jewels of their neighbours.*
4 *Moses threateneth Pharaoh with the death of the first-born.*

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: [a] when

a Chap. 12. 31, 33, 39.

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he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, [b] jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

b Chap. 3. 22. & 12. 35.

3 [c] And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man [d] Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

c Chap. 12. 36.

d Ecclus. 45. 1.

4 ¶ And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, [e] About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

e Chap. 12. 29.

5 And [f] all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that *is* behind the mill; and all the first-born of beasts.

f Chap. 12. 12.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 [g] But against any of the children of Israel [h] shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast; that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

g Chap. 8. 22.

h Joshua 10. 21.

8 And [i] all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people † that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in † a great anger.

i Chap. 12. 31, 33.

† Heb. *that is at thy feet:* So Judges 4. 10. & 8. 5. 1 Kings 20. 10. 2 Kings 3. 9.

† Heb. *heat of anger.*

9 And [k] the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that [l] my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

k Chap. 3. 19. & 10. 1.

l Chap. 7. 3.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: [m] and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

m Chap. 10. 20, 27.

CHAP. XII.

3 *The passover is instituted.* 29 *The first-born are slain.* 31 *The Israelites are driven out of the land.* 43 *The ordinance of the passover.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a ‖ lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house.

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‖ Or, *kid.*

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it*, according to the number of the souls; every man, according to his eating, shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be [a] without blemish, a male † of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats.

a Levit. 22. 20, 21. Malachi 1. 8. Hebr. 9. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 19.

† Heb. *son of a year.*

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and [b] the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it † in the evening.

b Levit. 23. 5. Numb. 9. 3. & 28. 16. Deuter. 16. 1, 6.

† Heb. *between the two evenings,* Chap. 16. 12.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side-posts, and on the upper door-post of the houses wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and [c] unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

c 1 Corinth. 5. 8.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 [d] And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

d Chap. 23. 18. & 34. 25.

11 ¶ And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: [e] it *is* the LORD's passover.

e Deuter. 16. 5.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and [f] against all the ‖ gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.

f Numb. 33. 4.

‖ Or, *princes.*

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are:* and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you † to destroy *you,* when I smite the land of Egypt.

† Heb. *for a destruction.*

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 [g] Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread, from the first day until the seventh day, [h] that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

g Chap. 13. 6. & 23. 15. & 34. 18, 25.

h Genes. 17. 14.

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16 And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save
† Heb. *soul.* *that* which every †man must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread; for in this self-same day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

i Levit. 23. 5. Numb. 28. 16.

18 [i] In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

k Chap. 23. 15. & 34. 18. Deut. 16. 3.

19 [k] Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, l Numb. 9. 13. [l] even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them,
‖ Or, *kid.* Draw out, and take you a ‖lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

m Hebr. 11. 28.

22 [m] And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that *is* in the bason: and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, the LORD will
n Ezekiel 9. 6. Revel. 7. 3. & 9. 4. o 1 Corinth. 10. 10. Hebr. 11. 28. pass over the door, and [n] will not suffer [o] the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

p Joshua 4. 6.

26 [p] And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.

And the people [q] bowed the head, and worshipped.

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28 And the children of Israel went
q Chap. 4. 31. away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 ¶ [r] And it came to pass, that at
r Chap. 11. 4.
s Numb. 8. 17. & 33. 4. Psalms 78. 51. & 105. 36. & 135. 8. & 136. 10. midnight [s] the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, [t] from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive that *was* in the †dungeon, and all the first-born of cattle.

t Chap. 4. 23. Wisd. 18. 11.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt: for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

† Heb. *house of the pit.*

31 ¶ And [u] he called for Moses and
u Psalm 105. 38. Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth from among my people, [x] both ye and the children of
x Chap. 10. 9. Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 [y] Also take your flocks and your
y Chap. 10. 26. herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their ‖kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
‖ Or, *dough.*

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians
z Chap. 3. 22. & 11. 2. [z] jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.

36 [a] And the LORD gave the people
a Chap. 11. 3. favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required:* and [b] they spoiled
b Genes. 15. 14. Chap. 3. 22. Psalm 105. 37. the Egyptians.

37 ¶ And [c] the children of Israel
c Numb. 33. 3, 5. journeyed from [d] Rameses to Succoth, about [e] six hundred thousand on foot
d Genes. 47. 11. *that were* men, besides children.

e Chap. 38. 26. Num. 1. 46. & 11. 21.

38 And † a mixed multitude went
† Heb. *a great mixture.* up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

Num. 11. 4.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because [f] they were thrust out of
f Chap. 6. 1. & 11. 1. Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

40 ¶ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in
g Genes. 15. 13. Acts 7. 6. Galat. 3. 17. Egypt, *was* [g] four hundred and thirty years.

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41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It *is* †[h] a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

† Heb. *a night of observations.*
h See Deut. 16. 6.

43 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the passover; There shall no stranger eat thereof:

44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten: thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; [i]neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

i Numb. 9. 12. John 19. 36.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall † keep it.

† Heb. *do it.*

48 And [k] when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

k Numb. 9. 14.

49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the self-same day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt [l] by their armies.

l Chap. 6. 26.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The first-born are sanctified to God.* 3 *The memorial of the passover is commanded.* 21 *God guideth them by a pillar of a cloud and of fire.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it *is* mine.

a Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 19. Levit. 27. 26. Numb. 3. 13. & 8. 16, 17. & 18. 15. Luke 2. 23.

3 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of † bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place:* there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

† Heb. *servants.*

4 [b] This day came ye out, in the month Abib.

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5 And it shall be, when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, [c] that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

b Chap. 23. 15. & 34. 18. Deut. 16. 1.

c Chap. 12. 25, 26.

6 [d] Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD.

d Chap. 12. 15, 16.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days: and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee; neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for [e] a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

e See Verse 16. Numb. 15. 39. Deuter. 6. 8. & 11. 18. Prov. 1. 9. Isaiah 49. 16. Jer. 22. 24. Mat. 23. 5.

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

11 ¶ And it shall be, when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 [f] That thou shalt † set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD's:

f Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 19. Levit. 27. 26. Num. 8. 17. Deuter. 15. 19. Ezekiel 44. 30.

† Heb. *cause to pass over.*

13 And [g] every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a ‖ lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the first-born of man among thy children [h] shalt thou redeem.

g Numb. 18. 15, 16.
‖ Or, *kid.*
h Numb. 3. 47. & 18. 16.

14 ¶ And it shall be, when thy son asketh thee † in time to come, saying, What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

† Heb. *to-morrow.*

15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets be-

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tween thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and [i] they return to Egypt:

18 But God [k] led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea. And the children of Israel went up ‖ harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, [l] God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶ And [m] they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And [n] the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

5 *Pharaoh's pursuit.* 10 *The Israelites murmur;* 13 *Moses comforteth them:* 21 *they pass through the Red sea.* 23 *The Egyptians are drowned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, [a] that they turn and encamp before [b] Pi-hahiroth, between [c] Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And [d] I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD. And they did so.

5 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and [e] the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him.

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

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8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and [f] the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

9 But the [g] Egyptians pursued after them, (all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army,) and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 [h] And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 [i] *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? for *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, [k] Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to-day: ‖ for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 [l] The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 ¶ And the angel of God, [m] which went before the camp of Israel, re-

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moved and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and [n] it was a cloud and darkness *to them,* but it gave light by night *to these:* so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 ¶ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and [o] made the sea dry *land,* and the waters were [p] divided.

22 And [q] the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground:* and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that, in the morning-watch, [r] the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot-wheels, || that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it: and the LORD † overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And [s] the waters returned, and [t] covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them: there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But [u] the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore.

31 And Israel saw that great † work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and [x] believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

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CHAP. XV.

1 *Moses' song.* 22 *The people want water.* 23 *The bitter waters of Marah are sweetened.* 27 *They come to Elim.*

THEN sang [a] Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD *is* my strength, and [b] song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.

4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them: [c] they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 [d] Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, *which* consumed them [e] as stubble.

8 And [f] with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, [g] the floods stood upright as an heap, *and* the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 [h] The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil: my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall || destroy them.

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: [i] they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 [k] Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the || gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises, doing wonders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people *which* thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided *them* in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

14 [l] The people shall hear, *and* be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.

n See Isaiah 8. 14. 2 Corinth. 4. 3.
o Psalm 66. 6.
p Josh. 3. 16. & 4. 23. Neh. 9. 11. Psalm 74. 13. & 106. 9. & 114. 3.
q Numb. 33. 8. Psalm 78. 13. 1 Cor. 10. 1. Hebr. 11. 29.
r See Psalm 77. 17, &c.
‖ Or, *and made them to go heavily.*
† Heb. *shook off,* Deut. 11. 4. Psalm 78. 53.
s Habak. 3. 8, 13.
t Psalm 106. 11.
u Psalm 77. 20.
x Psalm 106. 12.
† Heb. *hand.*
a Wisd. 10. 20.
b Deuter. 10. 21. Psalm 18. 2. & 22. 3. & 109. 1. & 118. 14. Isa. 12. 2.
c Neh. 9. 11.
d Psal. 118. 15, 16.
e Isaiah 5. 24. & 47. 14.
f Chap. 14. 21. Job 4. 9. 2 Thess. 2. 8.
g Psalm 78. 13.
h Jud. 5. 30.
‖ Or, *repossess.*
i Verse 5.
k 2 Sam. 7. 22. 1 Kings 8. 23. Psal. 86. 8. & 89. 6. Jer. 10. 6. & 49. 19.
‖ Or, *mighty ones.*
l Numb. 14. 14. Deut. 2. 25. Josh. 2. 9.

15 [m] Then [n] the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; [o] the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them: [p] all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

16 [q] Fear and dread shall fall upon them: by the greatness of thine arm they shall be *as* still as a stone, till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, [r] *which* thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and [s] plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD, *which* thou hast made for thee to dwell in: *in* the Sanctuary, O LORD, *which* thy hands have established.

18 [t] The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea.

20 ¶ And Miriam [u] the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, [x] took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her [y] with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

22 ¶ So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of [z] Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to [a] Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called ‖ Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a [b] tree, [c] *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he [d] made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there [e] he proved them,

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, [f] I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD [g] that healeth thee.

27 ¶ [h] And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

2 *The Israelites murmur for lack of bread.* 11 *Quails are sent,* 14 *and manna.* 16 *The ordering of it.*

AND they took their journey from Elim; and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto [a] the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, [b] when we sat by the flesh-pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full! for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 ¶ Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain [c] bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather †a certain rate every day, that I may [d] prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and [e] it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, [f] At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt.

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see [g] the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be,* when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but [h] against the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before

m Genes. 36. 40.
n Deut. 2. 4.
o Numb. 22. 3. Habak. 3. 7.
p Josh. 5. 1.
q Deuter. 2. 25. & 11. 25. Joshua 2. 9.
r Chap. 19. 5. Deut. 32. 9. 2 Sam. 7. 23. Titus 2. 14. 1 Peter 2. 9.
s Psalm 44. 2. & 80. 8.
t Psalm 146. 10. Isa. 57. 15.
u 1 Sam. 10. 5.
x 1 Sam. 18. 6.
y Judges 11. 34. & 21. 21. 2 Sam. 6. 16. Psalm 68. 11, 25.
z Genes. 16. 7. & 25. 18.
a Numb. 33. 8.
‖ That is, *Bitterness.*
b Ecclus. 38. 5.
c See 2 Kings 4. 41.
d See Josh. 24. 25.
e Chap. 16. 4.
f Deuter. 7. 15.
g Chap. 23. 25. Psalm 103. 3. & 147. 3.

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h Numb. 33. 9.

a Numb. 33. 11.

b Numb. 11. 4, 5.

c Psalm 78. 24, 25. & 105. 40. John 6. 31, 32. 1 Cor. 10. 3.
† Heb. *the portion of a day in his day.*
Prov. 30. 8. Mat. 6. 11.
d Chap. 15. 25. Deuter. 8. 2, 16.
e See Levit. 25. 21.
f See Verse 13.
g See Verse 10.
h See 1 Sam. 8. 7. Luke 10. 16. Rom. 13. 2.

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the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD [i] appeared in the cloud.

i Chap. 13. 21.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even [k] the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

k Numb. 11. 31. Psalm 105. 40.

14 And when [l] the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar-frost, on the ground.

l Numb. 11. 7. Neh. 9. 15. Psalm 78. 24. & 105. 40. Wisdom 16. 20.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, || It *is* manna: for they wist not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, [m] This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

|| Or, *What is this?* or, *It is a portion.*

m John 6. 31. 1 Cor. 10. 3.

16 ¶ This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating; an omer †for every man, *according to* the number of your †persons; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.

† Heb. *by the poll*, or, *head.*
† Heb. *souls.*

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, [n] he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack: they gathered every man according to his eating.

n 2 Corinth. 8. 15.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating; and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow *is* [o] the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to-day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you, to be kept until the morning.

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o Gen. 2. 3.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade; and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to-day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and [p] it *was* like coriander-seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

p Numb. 11. 7.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, [q] Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

q 1 Kings 8. 9. Hebr. 9. 4.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna [r] forty years, [s] until they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

r Numb. 33. 38. Deut. 8. 2,3. s Josh. 5. 12. Neh. 9. 15.

36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

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1 *The people murmur for water at Rephidim.* 5 *Moses sent to the rock in Horeb.* 8 *Amalek is overcome.*

a Chap. 16. 1. Numb. 33. 12, 14.

AND [a] all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was* no water for the people to drink.

b Numb. 20. 3, 4.

2 [b] Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye [c] tempt the LORD?

c Psalm 78. 41. 1 Cor. 10. 9.

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, and our children, and our cattle, with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith [d] thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

d Chap. 7. 20.

e Numb. 20. 10. Psalm 78. 15. & 105. 41. & 114. 8. Wisd. 11. 4. 1 Cor. 10. 4.

6 [e] Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

f Numb. 20. 13. Psal. 81. 7. & 95. 8. Hebr. 3. 8.

‖ That is, *Tentation.*

‖ That is, *Chiding*, or, *Strife.*

7 And he called the name of the place [f] ‖ Massah, and ‖ Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

g Deuter. 25. 17. 1 Sam. 15. 2. Wisd. 11. 3.

8 ¶ [g] Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

h Called, *Jesus*, Acts 7. 45.

9 And Moses said unto [h] Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with [i] the rod of God in mine hand.

i Chap. 4. 20.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur, went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat thereon: and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

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13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua; for [k] I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

k Numb. 24. 20. 1 Sam. 15. 3, 7. & 30. 1, 17. 2 Sam. 8. 12. Ezra 9. 14.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it ‖ JEHOVAH-nissi:

‖ That is, *The LORD my banner*: See Judges 6. 24.

16 For he said, ‖ Because † the LORD hath sworn, *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.

‖ Or, *Because the hand of* Amalek *is against the throne of the LORD, &c.* † Heb. *the hand upon the throne of the LORD.*

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jethro bringeth to Moses his wife and two sons:* 7 *Moses entertaineth him,* 13 *and accepteth his counsel.*

a Chap. 2. 16. & 3. 1.

WHEN [a] Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;

b Chap. 4. 26, 27.

2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, [b] took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

c Chap. 2. 22.

3 And her two sons; of which the [c] name of the one *was* ‖ Gershom; (for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land;)

‖ That is, *A stranger there.*

4 And the name of the other *was* ‖ Eliezer; (for the God of my father, *said he*, *was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.)

‖ That is, *My God is an help.*

5 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped [d] at the mount of God.

d Chap. 3. 1.

6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father-in-law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.

7 ¶ And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* † welfare: and they came into the tent.

† Heb. *peace.*

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh, and to the Egyptians, for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had † come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.

† Heb. *found them.*

9 ¶ And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

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10 And Jethro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods: [e] for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.

e Chap. 1. 10, 16, 22. & 5. 2, 7. & 14. 18.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto evening?

15 And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because [f] the people come unto me to enquire of God.

f Levit. 24. 12. Numb. 15. 34.

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me, and I judge between † one and another; and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.

† Heb. *a man and his fellow.*

17 And Moses' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.

† Heb. *fading thou wilt fade.*

18 † Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; [g] thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

g Numb. 11. 14. Deuter. 1. 9.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people [h] able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

h Deuter. 1. 16. & 16. 18. 2 Chron. 19. 5,--9.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: [i] and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

i Deuter. 1. 17. & 17. 8.

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23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25 And [k] Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

k Deuter. 1. 15.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and [l] he went his way into his own land.

l Numb. 10. 29,--32.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The people come to mount Sinai.*
3 *God's message unto the people out of the mount:* 8 *their answer returned.*
12 *The mountain not to be touched.*

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day [a] came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

a Numb. 33. 15.

2 For they were departed [b] from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

b Chap. 17. 1, 8.

3 And [c] Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

c Acts 7. 38.

4 [d] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* [e] I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

d Deuter. 29. 2.
e Deuter. 32. 11. Isa. 63. 9. Rev. 12. 14.

5 Now [f] therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then [g] ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for [h] all the earth *is* mine.

f Deut. 5. 2.
g Deuter. 4. 20. & 7. 6. & 14. 2, 21. & 26. 18. & 32. 8, 9. Psalm 135. 4. Cant. 8. 12. Isa. 43. 1. Jer. 10. 16. Mal. 3. 17. Titus 2. 14.

6 And ye shall be unto me a [i] kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

h Deuter. 10. 14. Psal. 24. 1. & 50. 12.
i Deut. 33. 2, 3, 4. 1 Peter 2. 5, 9. Revel. 1. 6. & 5. 10. & 20. 6.

7 ¶ And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And [k] all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

k Chap. 24. 3, 7. Deut. 5. 27. & 26. 17.

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9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee [l] in a thick cloud, [m] that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and [n] believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them [o] wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD [p] will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye* go *not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: [q] whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death.

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the ‖ trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 ¶ And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; [r] and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: [s] come not at *your* wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were [t] thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And [u] Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And [x] mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: [y] and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and [z] the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, [a] Moses spake, and [b] God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, † charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD [c] to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. Before CHRIST 1491.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

1 *The ten commandments:* 20 *the people are afraid.* 22 *Idolatry is forbidden.* 24 *Of what sort the altar should be.*

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 [a] I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, [b] out of the house of † bondage.

3 ¶ Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 [c] Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* [d] a jealous God, [e] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

6 And [f] shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 [g] Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD [h] will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath-day, to keep it holy.

9 [i] Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, [k] nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

11 For [l] *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

l Verse 16. Chap. 20. 21. & 24. 15, 16. Psalm 18. 11, 12.
m Deut. 4. 12, 36.
n Chap. 14. 31.
o Verse 14. Gen. 35. 2. Levit. 15. 5.
p Chap. 34. 5. Deut. 33. 2.
q Hebr. 12. 20.
‖ Or, *cornet.*
r Verse 10.
s 1 Sam. 21. 4, 5. Zech. 7. 3. 1 Cor. 7. 5.
t Hebr. 12. 18.
u Deuter. 4. 10.
x Deuter. 4. 11. & 33. 2. Judges 5. 5. Psalm 68. 7, 8. Habak. 3. 3.
y Genes. 15. 17.
z Hebr. 12. 26.
a Hebr. 12. 21.
b Nehem. 9. 13. Psal. 81. 7.
† Heb. *contest.*
c See 1 Sam. 6. 19.

a Levit. 26. 1. Deut. 5. 6. Psalm 81. 10. Hosea 13. 4.
b Chap. 13. 3.
† Heb. *servants.*
c Levit. 26. 1. Deut. 4. 16. Psalm 97. 7.
d Chap. 34. 14. Deut. 6. 15. Joshua 24. 19. Nah. 1. 2.
e Chap. 34. 7. Levit. 20. 5. & 26. 39, 40. Numb. 14. 18, 33. 1 Kings 21. 29. Job 5. 4. & 21. 19. Psal. 79. 8. & 109. 14. Isaiah 14. 20, 21. & 65. 6, 7. Jer. 2. 9. & 32. 18.
f Deuter. 7. 9. Psalm 89. 34.
g Chap. 23. 1. Levit. 19. 12. Deut. 5. 11. Psal. 15. 4. Mat. 5. 33.
h Micah 6. 11.
i Chap. 23. 12. & 31. 15. & 34. 21. Levit. 23. 3. Ezek. 20. 12. Luke 13. 14.
k Nehem. 13. 16.
l Gen. 2. 2.

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12 ¶ [m] Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 [n] Thou shalt not kill.

14 [o] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 [p] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 [q] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, [r] thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

18 And [s] all the people [t] saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and, when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, [u] Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: [x] for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off; and Moses drew near unto [y] the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you [z] from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make [a] with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, [b] thy sheep, and thine oxen. In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And [c] if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not † build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Laws for men-servants,* 7 *for women-servants,* 12 *for man-slaughter,* 17 *and for cursers of parents,* &c.

NOW these *are* the judgments which thou shalt [a] set before them.

2 [b] If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

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3 If he came in † by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 [c] And if the servant † shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free;

6 Then his master shall bring him [d] unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 ¶ And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do.

8 If she † please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another *wife*, her food, her raiment, [e] and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 ¶ [f] He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then [g] I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; [h] thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smiteth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death.

16 ¶ And [i] he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 ¶ And [k] he that ‖ curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite ‖ another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed;

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m Chap. 23. 26. Levit. 19. 3. Deut. 5. 16. Jer. 35. 7. Mat. 15. 4. Eph. 6. 2.
n Matth. 5. 21.
o Rom. 13. 9. Matth. 5. 27.
p Deuter. 19. 16.
q Acts 20. 33. Rom. 7. 7.
r Job 31. 9.
s Hebr. 12. 18.
t Rev. 1. 10.
u Deuter. 5. 27. & 18. 16. Gal. 3. 19, 20. Hebr. 12. 19.
x Deuter. 13. 3.
y Chap. 19. 16. Deut. 5. 5. 1 Kings 8. 12.
z Deuter. 4. 36. Neh. 9. 13.
a See 1 Sam. 5. 4, 5. 2 Kings 17. 33. Ezekiel 20. 39. & 43. 8. Zeph. 1. 5. 2 Cor. 6. 14, 15, 16.
b Levit. 1. 2.
c Deuter. 27. 5. Josh. 8. 31. 1 Mac. 4. 47.
† Heb. *build them* with *hewing.*
a Chap. 24. 3, 4. Deuter. 4. 14.
b Levit. 25. 39. Deuter. 15. 12. Jer. 34. 14.
† Heb. *with his body.*
c Deuter. 15. 16.
† Heb. *saying shall say.*
d Chap. 22. 28.
† Heb. *be evil in the eyes of,* &c.
e 1 Corinth. 7. 5.
f Gen. 9. 6. Levit. 24. 17. Matth. 26. 52.
g Numb. 35. 11. Deut. 19. 3. Josh. 20. 2.
h 1 Kings 2. 28. 2 Kings 11. 15.
i Deuter. 24. 7.
k Levit. 20. 9. Prov. 20. 20. Mat. 15. 4. Mark 7. 10.
‖ Or, *revileth.*
‖ Or, *his neighbour.*

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19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* †the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.

† Heb. *his ceasing.*

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely †punished.

† Heb. *avenged.*

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for [l]he *is* his money.

l Levit. 25. 46.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her,* and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine.*

23 And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

m Levit. 24. 20. Deuter. 19. 21. Mat. 5. 38.

24 [m]Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 ¶ And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die; then [n]the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* quit.

n Gen. 9. 5.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give, for [o]the ransom of his life, whatsoever is laid upon him.

o Numb. 35. 31.

31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a man-servant or maid-servant; he shall give unto their master [p]thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

p See Mat. 26. 15. Philip. 2. 7.

33 ¶ And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make *it* good, *and* give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beast* shall be his.

35 ¶ And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead *ox* also they shall divide.

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36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Of theft.* 5 *Of damage.* 7 *Of trespasses.* 14 *Of borrowing.* 16 *Of fornication.* 18 *Of witchcraft,* &c.

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a ‖ sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and [a]four sheep for a sheep.

‖ Or, *goat.*

a 2 Sam. 12. 6. Luke 19. 8. See Prov. 6. 31.

2 ¶ If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall* no blood *be shed* for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, *there shall be* blood *shed* for him; *for* he should make full restitution: if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep, he shall restore double.

5 ¶ If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 ¶ If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing-corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith;* he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 ¶ If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, *to see* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbour's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing *it:*

11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath

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not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make *it* good.

b Genes. 31. 39.

12 And [b] if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it; he shall surely make *it* good.

15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with it, he shall not make *it* good: if it *be* an hired *thing*, it came for his hire.

c Deuter. 22. 28.

16 ¶ And [c] if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her; he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

† Heb. *weigh.*

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall † pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

d Levit. 19. 26, 31. & 20. 27. Deuter. 18. 10, 11. 1 Sam. 28. 3, 9.

18 ¶ [d] Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

e Levit. 18. 23. & 20. 15.

19 ¶ [e] Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

f Deuter. 13. 1, 6, 13, 14, 15. & 17. 2. 1 Mac. 2. 24.

20 ¶ [f] He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

g Chap. 23. 9. Levit. 19. 33. & 25. 35.

21 ¶ [g] Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

h Deuter. 10. 18. & 24. 17. & 27. 19. Isa. 1. 17. Zech. 7. 10. Jam. 1. 27. i Psalm 109. 9.

22 ¶ [h] Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and [i] your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

k Levit. 25. 35, 36, 37. Deuter. 23. 19. Neh. 5. 7. Psalm 15. 5. Ezekiel 18. 8, 17.

25 ¶ [k] If thou lend money to *any of* my people *that is* poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

l Deuter. 24. 6, 10, 13. Job 24. 3, 9. Prov. 20. 16. & 22. 27. Amos 2. 8.

26 [l] If thou at all take thy neighbour's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

27 For that *is* his covering only; it *is* his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear: for I *am* gracious.

m Eccles. 10. 20. Acts 23. 5. Jude 8. ‖ Or, *judges*, Psal. 82. 6. † Heb. *thy fulness.*

28 ¶ [m] Thou shalt not revile the ‖ gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay *to offer* † the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy † liquors: [n] the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

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30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy sheep: [o] seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

† Heb. *tear.* n Chap. 13. 2, 12. & 34. 19. Deuter. 15. 19. o Levit. 22. 27.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: [p] neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

p Levit. 22. 8. Ezekiel 44. 31.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Of slander and false witness.* 12 *Of the sabbath.* 13 *Of idolatry.* 20 *A blessing promised to the obedient.*

THOU [a] shalt not ‖ raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

a Psalm 15. 5. ‖ Or, *receive.*

2 ¶ [b] Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou † speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest *judgment:*

b Levit. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 17. † Heb. *answer.*

3 [c] Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

c Psalm 72. 2.

4 ¶ [d] If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

d Deuter. 22. 1. Job 31. 29. Prov. 24. 17. & 25. 21. Mat. 5. 44. Rom. 12. 20.

5 [e] If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, ‖ and wouldest forbear to help him; thou shalt surely help with him.

e Deuter. 22. 4. ‖ Or, *wilt thou cease to help him?* or, *and wouldest cease to leave* thy business *for him; thou shalt surely leave* it to join *with him.*

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for [f] I will not justify the wicked.

f Chap. 34. 7.

8 ¶ And [g] thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth † the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

g Deuter. 16. 19. Prov. 17. 8, 23. Eccles. 20. 29. † Heb. *the seeing.*

9 ¶ Also [h] thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the † heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

h Chap. 22. 21. Deuter. 10. 19. & 24. 14, 17. & 27. 19.

10 ¶ And [i] six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof;

† Heb. *soul.* i Levit. 25. 3.

11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with thy ‖ olive-yard.

‖ Or, *olive-trees.*

12 ¶ [k] Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed.

k Chap. 20. 8. Deut. 5. 13. Luke 13. 14.

13 ¶ And in all *things* that I have said unto you be circumspect: and [l] make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

l Numb. 32. 38. Deut. 12. 3. Josh. 23. 7. Psalm 16. 4. Hosea 2. 17. Zech. 13. 2.

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14 ¶ [m] Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 [n] Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt; [o] and none shall appear before me empty:)

16 [p] And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in thy field; and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 [q] Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.

18 ¶ [r] Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my || sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 [s] The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. [t] Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

20 ¶ [u] Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then [x] I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and || an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 [y] For mine Angel shall go before thee, and [z] bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, [a] nor do after their works; [b] but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and [c] he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and [d] I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 ¶ [e] There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come; and I will make all thine enemies turn their † backs unto thee.

28 And [f] I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

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29 [g] I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 And [h] I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 [i] Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, [k] it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Moses is called up into the mountain.*
3 *The people promise obedience.*
9 *The glory of God appeareth.*

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, [a] and seventy of the elders of Israel: and worship ye afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD; but they shall not come nigh, neither shall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, [b] All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, [c] All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said,

m Chap. 34. 23. Levit. 23. 4. Deuter. 16. 16.
n Chap. 12. 15. & 13. 6. & 34. 18.
o Chap. 34. 20. Deuter. 16. 16. Ecclus. 35. 4.
p Deuter. 16. 13.
q Chap. 34. 23. Deuter. 16. 16.
r Chap. 34. 25. Levit. 2. 11. Deut. 16. 4.
|| Or, *feast.*
s Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 26. Numb. 18. 13.
t Deuter. 14. 21.
u Chap. 14. 19. & 33. 2, 14. Numb. 20. 16. Josh. 5. 13. & 6. 2. Isa. 63. 9.
x Genes. 12. 3. Deut. 30. 7. Jer. 30. 20.
|| Or, *I will afflict them that afflict thee.*
y Verse 20. Chap. 33. 2.
z Joshua 24. 11.
a Levit. 18. 3. Deuter. 12. 31.
b Chap. 34. 13. Numb. 33. 52. Deuter. 7. 5, 25. & 12. 3.
c Deuter. 28. 5, 8.
d Chap. 15. 26. Deut. 7. 15.
e Deuter. 7. 14.
† Heb. *necks.*
f Deuter. 7. 20. Joshua 24. 12. Wisd. 12. 8.
g Deuter. 7. 22.
h Genes. 15. 18. Num. 34. 3. Deuter. 11. 24. Joshua 1. 4. 1 Kings 4. 21, 24. Psalm 72. 8.
i Chap. 34. 15. Deuter. 7. 2.
k Chap. 34. 12. Deut. 7. 16. Joshua 23. 13. Judges 2. 3. 1 Sam. 18. 21. Psalm 106. 36.
a Chap. 1. 5.
b Verse 7. Chap. 19. 8. Deut. 5. 27.
c Verse 3.

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Behold [d] the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 ¶ Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel;

10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a [e] sapphire-stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also [f] they saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee [g] tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and [h] his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and [i] a cloud covered the mount.

16 And [k] the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like [l] devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and [m] Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

d Hebr. 9. 20. & 13. 20. 1 Pet. 1. 2.

e Ezekiel 1. 26. & 10. 1.

f Chap. 33. 20. Genes. 16. 13. & 32. 30. Deut. 4. 33. Judges 13. 22.

g Chap. 31. 18. & 32. 16.

h Chap. 32. 17.

i Chap. 19. 9, 16.

k Numb. 14. 10.

l Deuter. 4. 36. Hebr. 12. 29.

m Chap. 34. 28. Deuter. 9. 9.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The offerings for the tabernacle.* 10 *The form of the ark.* 17 *The mercy-seat.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they † bring me an || offering: [a] of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

3 And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and || fine linen, and goats' *hair*,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood;

† Heb. *take for me.*

|| Or, *heave-offering.*

a Chap. 35. 5. 1 Chron. 29. 3, 5, 9, 14. Ezra 2. 68. & 3. 5. Neh. 11. 2.

|| Or, *silk.*

6 [b] Oil for the light, [c] spices for anointing oil, and for [d] sweet incense;

7 Onyx-stones, and stones to be set in the [e] ephod, and in the [f] breastplate.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that [g] I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

10 ¶ [h] And they shall make an ark *of* shittim-wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it; and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 [i] The staves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark [k] the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 ¶ And [l] thou shalt make a mercy-seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold; *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end; *even* || of the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And [m] the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 [n] And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And [o] there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee

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b Chap. 27. 20.

c Chap. 30. 23.

d Chap. 30. 34.

e Chap. 28. 4, 6.

f Chap. 28. 15.

g Chap. 29. 45. 1 Kings 6. 13. 2 Cor. 6. 16. Hebr. 3. 6. Rev. 21. 3.

h Chap. 37. 1. Hebr. 9. 4.

i 1 Kings 8. 8.

k Chap. 16. 34. & 31. 18. Deut. 10. 2. 1 Kings 8. 9. Hebr. 9. 4.

l Chap. 37. 6.

|| Or, *of the matter of the mercy-seat.*

m 1 Kings 8. 7. 1 Chron. 28. 18. Hebr. 9. 5.

n Chap. 26. 34.

o Chap. 29. 42. & 30. 36. Levit. 16. 2. Num. 17. 4.

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from above the mercy-seat, from [p] between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

[p] Numb. 7. 89.

[q] Chap. 37. 10. 1 Kings 7. 48. 2 Chron. 4. 8.

23 ¶ [q] Thou shalt also make a table *of* shittim-wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand-breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

[r] Numb. 4. 7.

|| Or, *to pour out withal.*

29 And thou shalt make [r] the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, || to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.

[s] Lev. 24. 5.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table [s] shew-bread before me alway.

[t] Chap. 37. 17. 1 Kings 7. 49. Zech. 4. 2. Rev. 1. 12. & 4. 5.

31 ¶ [t] And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold; *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.

35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

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36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same; all of it *shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and [u] they shall || light the lamps thereof, that they may [x] give light over against † it.

[u] Chap. 27. 21. & 30. 8. Levit. 24. 3, 4.

|| Or, *cause to ascend.*

[x] Numb. 8. 2.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuff-dishes thereof, *shall be of* pure gold.

† Heb. *the face of it.*

39 *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

[y] Chap. 26. 30. Numb. 8. 4. 1 Chron. 28. 11, 19.

40 And [y] look that thou make *them* after their pattern, † which was shewed thee in the mount.

Acts 7. 44. Hebr. 8. 5. † Heb. *which thou wast caused to see.*

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The ten curtains of the tabernacle.*
31 *The vail for the ark.*

[a] Chap. 36. 8.

MOREOVER, [a] thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims † of cunning work shalt thou make them.

† Heb. *the work of a cunning workman,* or, *embroiderer.*

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second, that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches; and it shall be one tabernacle.

[b] Chap. 36. 14.

7 ¶ And [b] thou shalt make curtains *of* goats' *hair*, to be a covering upon the tabernacle; eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the

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sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the || tent together, that it may be one.

|| Or, *covering.*

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half-curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back side of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side, † of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side, and on that side, to cover it.

† Heb. *in the remainder,* or, *surplusage.*

14 And [c] thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.

c Chap. 36. 19.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim-wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board.

17 Two † tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

† Heb. *hands.*

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, *there shall be* twenty boards,

21 And their forty sockets *of* silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be † coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

† Heb. *twined.*

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

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26 ¶ And thou shalt make bars *of* shittim-wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle [d] according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

d Chap. 25. 9, 40. & 27. 8. Acts 7. 44. Hebr. 8. 5.

31 ¶ And [e] thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made.

e Chap. 36. 35. 2 Chron. 3. 14. Mat. 27. 51. Hebr. 9. 3.

32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim-*wood* overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between [f] the holy *place* and the most holy.

f Hebr. 9. 2, 3.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place.*

35 And [g] thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

g Hebr. 9. 2.

36 And [h] thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work.

h Chap. 36. 37.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars *of* shittim-*wood*, and [i] overlay them with gold, *and* their hooks *shall be of* gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

i Chap. 36. 38.

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1 *The altar of burnt-offering, with the vessels.* 9 *The court of the tabernacle.* 20 *The oil for the lamp.*

AND thou shalt make [a] an altar *of* shittim-wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad: the altar shall be four-square; and the height thereof *shall be* three cubits.

a Chap. 38. 1. Ezekiel 43. 13.

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2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same; and
b See Num. 16. 38. b thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his flesh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make *of* brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of net-work *of* brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou
c Chap. 25. 40. & 26. 30. make it: c as † it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make *it*.

† Heb. *he shewed.*

9 ¶ And d thou shalt make the
d Chap. 38. 9. court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen, of an hundred cubits long, for one side.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty sockets, *shall be of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length, *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 ¶ And *for* the breadth of the court, on the west side, *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen *cubits:* their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver: their hooks *shall be of* silver, and their sockets *of* brass.

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18 ¶ The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth † fifty every where, and the height † Heb. *fifty by fifty.* five cubits *of* fine twined linen, and their sockets *of* brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle, in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of* brass.

20 ¶ And e thou shalt command e Levit. 24. 2. the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil-olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp † to burn † Heb. *to ascend up.* always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation f without the vail, which f Chap. 26. 31, 35. *is* before the testimony, g Aaron and g Chap. 30. 8. his sons shall order it from evening 1 Sam. 3. 3. 2 Chron. 13. 11. to morning before the LORD. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Aaron and his sons are set apart for the priest's office.* 6 *The ephod.* 30 *The Urim and Thummim,* &c.

AND take thou unto thee a Aaron a Hebr. 5. 1, 4. thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 And b thou shalt make holy gar- b Chap. 29. 5. & 39. 2. ments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty.

3 And c thou shalt speak unto all c Chap. 36. 1. *that are* wise-hearted, d whom I have d Chap. 31. 3. & 35. 30. filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joined together.

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8 And the || curious girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

|| Or, *embroidered.*

9 And thou shalt take two onyx-stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:

10 Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

e Wisdom 18. 24.

11 [e] With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders, for a memorial.

13 ¶ And thou shalt make ouches *of* gold;

14 And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends; *of* wreathen-work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

f Chap. 39. 8.

15 ¶ And [f] thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it: *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, thou shalt make it.

16 Four-square it shall be, *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.

g Chap. 39. 10, &c.

† Heb. *fill it in fillings of stone.*

|| Or, *ruby.*

17 [g] And thou shalt † set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first* row *shall be* a || sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.

18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their † inclosings.

† Heb. *fillings.*

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22 ¶ And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends *of* wreathen-work *of* pure gold.

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23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, in the border thereof, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

h Lev. 8. 8. Numb. 27. 21. Deut. 33. 8. 1 Sam. 28. 6. Ezra 2. 63. Neh. 7. 65.

30 ¶ And [h] thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

i Chap. 39. 22.

31 ¶ And [i] thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue.

32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

|| Or, *skirts.*

33 ¶ And *beneath*, upon the || hem of it, thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

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35 [k] And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

k Ecclus. 45. 9.

l Chap. 39. 30.

36 ¶ And [l] thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the fore-front of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needle-work.

m Chap. 39. 27, 28, 29, 41. Ezekiel 44. 18.

40 ¶ [m] And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt [n] anoint them, and † consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

n Chap. 29. 7. & 30. 30. & 40. 15. Levit. 10. 7.

† Heb. *fill their hand.*

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover † their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall † reach.

† Heb. *flesh of their nakedness.*

† Heb. *be.*

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near [o] unto the altar to minister in the holy *place;* that they bear not iniquity, and die. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto him, and his seed after him.

o Chap. 20. 26.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The sacrifice and ceremonies of consecrating the priests.* 38 *The continual burnt-offering.*

AND this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them, to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: [a] Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

a Levit. 8. 2.

2 And [b] unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil; *of* wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

b Levit. 6. 20.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

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4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, [c] and shalt wash them with water.

c Levit. 8. 6

5 [d] And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with [e] the curious girdle of the ephod:

d Chap. 28. 2.

e Chap. 28. 8.

6 [f] And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

f Levit. 8. 9.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing [g] oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.

g Chap. 30. 25.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, (Aaron and his sons,) and † put the bonnets on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt † [h] consecrate Aaron and his sons.

† Heb. *bind.*

† Heb. *fill the hand of.*

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and [i] Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

h Chap. 28. 41.

i Levit. 1. 4. & 8. 14.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon [k] the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

k Chap. 27. 2. & 30. 2.

13 And [l] thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and || the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

l Levit. 3. 3.

|| It seemeth by anatomy, and the Hebrew doctors, to be *the midriff.*

14 But [m] the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin-offering.

m Levit. 4. 11, 12, 21. Hebr. 13. 11.

15 ¶ [n] Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

n Lev. 8. 18.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and || unto his head.

|| Or, *upon.*

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt-offering unto the LORD: it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

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19 ¶ [o]And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

o Verse 3. Levit. 8. 22.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of [p]the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and [q]he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

p Chap. 30. 25, 31.

q Hebr. 9. 22.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration:

23 [r]And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD.

r Lev. 8. 26.

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons, and shalt †wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

† Heb. *shake to and fro.*

25 [s]And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

s Lev. 8. 28.

26 And thou shalt take [t]the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: and [u]it shall be thy part.

t Lev. 8. 29.

u Psalm 99. 6.

27 And thou shalt sanctify [x]the breast of the wave-offering, and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which *is* for his sons.

x Levit. 7. 34. Numb. 18. 18. Deut. 18. 3.

28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons by a statute for ever from the children of Israel; for it *is* an heave-offering: and [y]it shall be an heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace-offerings, *even* their heave-offering unto the LORD.

y Levit. 7. 34.

29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his son's after him, [z]to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

z Numb. 18. 8. & 35. 25.

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30 *And* †[a]that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation, to minister in the holy *place*.

† Heb. he *of his sons.*

a Numb. 20. 28.

31 ¶ And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the [b]bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

b Lev. 8. 31. Mat. 12. 4.

33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat *thereof*, because they *are* holy.

34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: [c]seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

c Exod. 40. 12. Levit. 8. 33, 34.

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin-offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, [d]and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

d Chap. 30. 29. & 40. 10.

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; [e]and it shall be an altar most holy: [f]whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

e Chap. 40. 10.

f Chap. 30. 29. Matth. 23. 19.

38 ¶ Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; [g]two lambs of the first year [h]day by day continually.

g Numb. 28. 3.

h See Dan. 9. 27. & 12. 11.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning, and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

40 And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink-offering.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This shall be* [i]a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD; [k]where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

i Chap. 30. 8.

k Chap. 30. 36. Num. 17. 4.

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43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and || *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.

|| Or, Israel.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 ¶ And [1]I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

[1] Exod. 25. 8. Levit. 26. 12. Zech. 2. 10. 2 Corinth. 6. 16. Rev. 21. 3.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The altar of incense.* 11 *The ransom of souls.* 22 *The holy anointing oil.* 34 *The composition of the perfume.*

AND thou shalt make [a]an altar [b]to burn incense upon; *of* shittim-wood shalt thou make it.

[a] Chap. 37. 25.

[b] See Verse 10. Levit. 4. 7, 18.

2 A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, (four-square shall it be,) and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof; the horns thereof *shall be* of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the † top thereof, and the † sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof: and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

† Heb. *roof.*

† Heb. *walls.*

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two † corners thereof; upon the two sides of it shalt thou make *it:* and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

† Heb. *ribs.*

5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon † sweet incense every morning: when [c]he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

† Heb. *incense of spices.*

[c] Chap. 27. 21.

8 And when Aaron || † lighteth the lamps † at even, he shall burn incense upon it; a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

|| Or, *setteth up.*

† Heb. *causeth to ascend.*

† Heb. *between the two evens.*

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-sacrifice, nor meat-offering; neither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

10 And [d]Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin-offering of atonements; once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it *is* most holy unto the LORD.

[d] Levit. 16. 18. & 23. 27.

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11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 [e]When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after † their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them.

[e] Chap. 38. 25. Numb. 1. 2, 3. & 26. 2.

† Heb. *them that are to be numbered:* See Numb. 31. 50.

13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, [f]half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary: ([g]a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.

[f] Matth. 17. 24.

[g] Levit. 27. 25. Numb. 3. 47. Ezekiel 45. 12.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not † give more, and the poor shall not † give less, than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

† Heb. *multiply.*

† Heb. *diminish.*

16 And thou shalt take the atonement-money of the children of Israel, and [h]shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

[h] Chap. 38. 25.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 [i]Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to wash *withal:* and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein:

[i] Chap. 38. 8.

19 For Aaron and his sons [k]shall wash their hands and their feet thereat.

[k] Psalm 26. 6. Isa. 52. 11. Hebr. 10. 22.

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover, the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels,* and of sweet cinnamon

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half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels*,

24 And of cassia five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil-olive an [l]hin.

[l] Chap. 29. 40.

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the || apothecary. It shall be an holy anointing oil.

|| Or, *perfumer.*

[m] Chap. 40. 9. Lev. 8. 10. Numb. 7. 1.

26 [m] And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,

27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: [n] whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

[n] Chap. 29. 37.

[o] Chap. 29. 7, &c.

30 [o] And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priest's office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured; neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.

33 Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, [p] shall even be cut off from his people.

[p] Genes. 17. 14.

[q] Chap. 25. 6.

34 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [q] Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices, with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like *weight*.

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, † tempered together, pure *and* holy.

† Heb. *salted.*

36 And thou shalt beat *some* of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, [r] where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

[r] Chap. 29. 42. Lev. 16. 2.

37 And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

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1 *Bezaleel and Aholiab are called for the work of the tabernacle.* 12 *Of the sabbath.* 18 *Moses receiveth the two tables.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] See, I have called by name Bezaleel the [b] son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

[a] Chap. 35. 30. [b] 1 Chron. 2. 20.

3 And I have [c] filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

[c] 1 Kings 7. 14.

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that *is* thereupon, and all the † furniture of the tabernacle,

† Heb. *vessels.*

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 And [d] the clothes of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

[d] Chap. 39. 1, 41. Numb. 4. 6, &c.

11 [e] And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place:* according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

[e] Chap. 30. 25, 31.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, [f] Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

[f] Levit. 19. 3, 30. & 26. 2. Ezek. 20. 12, 20.

14 [g] Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for [h] whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

[g] Chap. 20. 8. Deut. 5. 12. Ezekiel 20. 12. [h] Chap. 35. 2. Numb. 15. 35.

15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, † holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath-day, he shall surely be put to death.

† Heb. *holiness.*

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16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.

17 It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for [i] *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

i Genes. 1. 31. & 2. 2.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, [k] two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

k Chap. 32. 16. & 34. 28. Deut. 9. 10. 2 Corinth. 3. 3.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *The people cause Aaron to make a calf.* 19 *Moses breaketh the tables.* 25 *The idolaters slain.* 30 *Moses prayeth for the people.*

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, [a] Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

a Acts 7. 40.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden ear-rings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.

4 [b] And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, [c] These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

b 1 Kings 12. 28. Psalm 106. 19.

c Nehem. 9. 18.

5 And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow *is* a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings: and the [d] people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

d 1 Corinth. 10. 7.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [e] Go, get thee down; [f] for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, [g] have corrupted *themselves:*

e Deuter. 9. 12.
f Chap. 33. 1. Dan. 9. 24.
g Deuter. 32. 5.

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, [h] These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

h 1 Kings 12. 28.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, [i] I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people:

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i Chap. 33. 3. Deuter. 9. 6, 13. Isaiah 48. 4.

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them; and [k] I will make of thee a great nation.

k Numb. 14. 12.

11 [l] And Moses besought † the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

l Deuter. 9. 18. Psalm 106. 23.
† Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

12 [m] Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

m Numb. 14. 13. Deut. 9. 28. & 32. 27.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, [n] I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever.

n Genes. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 7, 18. & 26. 4. & 28. 13. & 35. 11.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

16 And the [o] tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

o Chap. 31. 18.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for † being overcome; *but* the noise of *them that* sing do I hear.

† Heb. *weakness.*

19 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 [p] And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strawed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it.*

p Deuter. 9. 21.

21 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that

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thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they *are set* on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Moses saw that the people *were* [q] naked, (for Aaron [r] had made them naked unto *their* shame among † their enemies,)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and [s] slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 [t] || For Moses had said, † Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; [u] peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh! this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, [x] blot me, I pray thee, [y] out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, [z] Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee. [a] Behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless, [b] in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The Lord refuseth to go with the people.* 9 *The Lord talketh with Moses.* 18 *Moses desireth to see the glory of God.*

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou [a] and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, [b] Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 [c] And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite;

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee, for thou *art* a [d] stiff-necked people; lest [e] I consume thee in the way.

4 ¶ And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: [f] and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiff-necked people; I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

7 ¶ And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, [g] and called it the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And it came to pass, *that* every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp.

8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man *at* his tent-door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 ¶ And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses.

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q Chap. 33. 4, 5.
r 2 Chron. 28. 19.
† Heb. *those that rose up against them.*
s Numb. 25. 5. Deut. 33. 9.
t Deuter. 33. 9, 10.
|| Or, *And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, because every man* hath been *against his son, and against his brother,* &c.
† Heb. *Fill your hands.*
u 2 Sam. 16. 12. Amos 5. 15.
x Psalm 69. 28. Rom. 9. 3.
y Psalm 56. 8. & 139. 16. Dan. 12. 1. Philip. 4. 3. Rev. 3. 5. & 13. 8. & 20. 12.
z Levit. 23. 30. Ezekiel 18. 4.

a Chap. 33. 2, 14, &c. Numb. 20. 16.
b Deuter. 32. 35.

a Chap. 32. 7.
b Genes. 12. 7.
c Chap. 32. 13.
c Chap. 32. 34. Deut. 7. 22. Joshua 24. 11.
d Chap. 32. 9. Deut. 9. 13.
e Chap. 25. 21.
f Isaiah 32. 11.
g Chap. 29 42, 43.

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10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle-door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent-door.

11 And [h] the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people; and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me: yet thou hast said, [i] I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

14 And he said, [k] My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, [l] If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *Is it* not in that thou goest with us? so [m] shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

18 ¶ And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, [n] I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; [o] and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for [p] there shall no man see me, and live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts; but my face shall not be seen.

h Genes. 32. 30. Numb. 12. 8. Deuter. 34. 10.

i Jerem. 1. 5.

k Isaiah 63. 9.

l Chap. 34. 9.

m Chap. 34. 10.

n Chap. 34. 5, 6.

o Rom. 9. 15.

p Genes. 32. 30. Deut. 5. 24. Judges 13. 22. Isaiah 6. 5. Revel. 1. 16, 17.

CHAP. XXXIV.

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1 *The tables are renewed.* 9 *The name of the* LORD *proclaimed.* 10 *God maketh a covenant with the people.*

AND the LORD said unto Moses, [a] Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first; and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me [b] in the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall [c] come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 ¶ And he hewed two tables of stone, like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and [d] proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD [e] God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 [f] Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, and [g] that will by no means clear *the guilty;* visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation.*

8 ¶ And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, [h] let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us, (for it *is* a stiff-necked people,) and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 ¶ And he said, Behold, [i] I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day; Behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

a Chap. 32. 16, 19. Deut. 10. 1.

b Chap. 19. 20.

c Chap. 19. 12, 13.

d Chap. 33. 19.

e Numb. 14. 18.

f Chap. 20. 6. Deut. 5. 10. Psalm 86. 15. Jer. 32. 18.

g Chap. 23. 7, 21. Joshua 24. 19. Job 10. 14. Micah 6. 11. Nahum 1. 3.

h Chap. 33. 15.

i Deuter. 5. 2.

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12 [k] Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, [l] break their †images, and [m] cut down their groves.

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a [n] jealous God:

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;

16 And thou take of [o] their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters [p] go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17 [q] Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 ¶ The feast of [r] unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the [s] month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

19 [t] All that openeth the matrix *is* mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is male.*

20 But [u] the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a ‖ lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem; and none shall appear before me [x] empty.

21 ¶ [y] Six days thou shalt work; but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 ¶ [z] And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat-harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the †year's end.

23 ¶ [a] Thrice in the year shall all your men-children appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel.

24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: [b] neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

25 ¶ [c] Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; [d] neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

26 [e] The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a [f] kid in his mother's milk.

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27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou [g] these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 [h] And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water: and [i] He wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten †commandments.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, (when he came down from the mount,) that Moses wist not that [k] the skin of his face shone while He talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone: and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put [l] a vail on his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the LORD, to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *The sabbath.* 3 *The free gifts for the tabernacle.* 4 *The readiness of the people to offer.*

AND Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These *are* the words which the LORD hath commanded, that *ye* should do them.

2 [a] Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day there shall be to you †an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

3 [b] Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath-day.

k Chap. 23. 32. Deut. 7. 2.
l Chap. 23. 24. Deut. 12. 3.
† Heb. *statues.*
m Judges 6. 25. 2 Kings 18. 4. & 23. 14. 2 Chron. 31. 1. & 34. 3.
n Chap. 20. 5.
o 1 Kings 11. 2. Nehem. 13. 25.
p Numb. 25. 1, 2.
q Chap. 32. 8.
r Chap. 12. 15. & 23. 15.
s Chap. 13. 4.
t Chap. 13. 2, 12. & 22. 29. Ezekiel 44. 30. Luke 2. 23.
u Numb. 18. 15.
‖ Or, *kid.*
x Chap. 23. 15. Deuter. 16. 16. 1 Sam. 9. 7, 8. 2 Sam. 24. 24.
y Chap. 23. 12. Deut. 5. 12. Luke 13. 14.
z Chap. 23. 16.
† Heb. *revolution of the year.*
a Chap. 23. 14, 17. Deuter. 16. 16.
b See Genes. 35. 5. 2 Chron. 17. 10. Acts 18. 10.
c Chap. 23. 18.
d Chap. 12. 10.
e Chap. 23. 19. Deut. 26. 2.
f Chap. 23. 19. Deuter. 14. 21.
g Deuter. 4. 13.
h Chap. 24. 18. Deuter. 9. 9, 18.
i Chap. 31. 18. & 32. 16. & 34. 1. Deuter. 4. 13. & 10. 2, 4.
† Heb. *words.*
k 2 Corinth. 3. 7, 13.
l 2 Corinth. 3. 13.
a Chap. 20. 9. & 31. 14, 15. Lev. 23. 3. Deut. 5. 12. Luke 13. 14.
† Heb. *holiness.*
b Chap. 16. 23.

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4 ¶ And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,

5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: [c] whosoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

c Chap. 25. 2.

6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,

7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim-wood,

d Chap. 25. 6.

8 And oil for the light, [d] and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense;

9 And onyx-stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.

e Chap. 31. 6.

10 And [e] every wise-hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

f Chap. 26. 1, &c.

11 [f] The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets;

12 The ark, and the staves thereof, *with* the mercy-seat, and the vail of the covering;

13 The table and his staves, and all his vessels, [g] and the shew-bread;

g Chap. 25. 30.

14 The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light;

h Chap. 30. 1.

15 [h] And the incense-altar, and his staves, and the anointing-oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle;

i Chap. 27. 1.

16 [i] The altar of burnt-offering, with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels; the laver and his foot;

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court;

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords;

19 The clothes of service, to do service in the holy *place;* the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.

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23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass, brought the LORD's offering: and every man with whom was found shittim-wood, for any work of the service, brought *it*.

25 And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women, whose heart stirred them up in wisdom, spun goats' *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought onyx-stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;

28 And [k] spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

k Chap. 30. 23.

29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring, for all manner of work which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

30 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, [l] the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

l Chap. 31. 2.

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any

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work, and of those that devise cunning work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The offerings are delivered to the workmen.* 4 *The liberality of the people is restrained.* 8 *The different pieces of the tabernacle furniture.*

THEN wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

3 And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free-offerings every morning.

4 ¶ And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more then enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

a Chap. 26. 1.

8 ¶ [a]And every wise-hearted man, among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another; and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

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12 [b]Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.

b Chap. 26. 10.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

14 ¶ And he made curtains *of* goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 ¶ And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering *of* badgers' skins above *that*.

20 ¶ And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim-wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side, southward:

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is* toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

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29 And they were † coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

† Heb. *twined.*

30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, † under every board two sockets.

† Heb. *two sockets, two sockets under one board.*

31 ¶ And he made [c] bars *of* shittim-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

c Chap. 26. 26. & 30. 5.

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¶ And he made [d] a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

d Chap. 26. 31, 36.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars *of* shittim-*wood*, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were of* gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 ¶ And he made an [e] hanging for the tabernacle-door *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, † of needle-work,

e Chap. 26. 36.

† Heb. *the work of a needle-worker, or, embroiderer.*

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks; and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets *were of* brass.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *The ark,* 6 *the mercy-seat with cherubims,* 10 *the table,* 17 *the candlestick,* 25 *the altar of incense.*

a Chap. 25. 10.

AND Bezaleel made [a] the ark *of* shittim-wood; two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it.

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

b Chap. 25. 17.

6 ¶ And he made the [b] mercy-seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

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7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold; beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-seat:

8 One cherub ‖ on the end on this side, and another cherub ‖ on the *other* end on that side: out of the mercy-seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

‖ Or, *out of,* &c.

‖ Or, *out of,* &c.

9 And the cherubims spread out *their* wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy-seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy-seat-ward were the faces of the cherubims.

10 ¶ And he made [c] the table *of* shittim-wood: two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

c Chap. 25. 23.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of an hand-breadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, his [d] dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers ‖ to cover withal, *of* pure gold.

d Chap. 25. 29.

‖ Or, *to pour out withal.*

17 ¶ And he made the [e] candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

e Chap. 25. 31.

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof:

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers:

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21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuff-dishes, *of* pure gold.

24 *Of* a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

f Chap. 30. 1.

25 ¶ [f]And he made the incense altar *of* shittim-wood: the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit, (*it was* four-square,) and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

g Chap. 30. 23, 34.

29 ¶ And he made [g]the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The altar of burnt-offering.* 8 *The laver of brass.* 9 *The court.* 21 *The sum of the offering.*

a Chap. 27. 1.

AND [a]he made the altar of burnt-offering *of* shittim-wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof, (*it was* four-square,) and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, *and* the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans; all the vessels thereof made he *of* brass.

4 And he made for the altar a brasen grate of net-work, under the compass thereof, beneath unto the midst of it.

5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass.

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7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

b Chap. 30. 18.

8 ¶ And he made [b]the laver *of* brass, and the foot of it *of* brass, of the ‖looking-glasses of *the women* †assembling, which assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

‖ Or, *brasen glasses.*

† Heb. *assembling by troops,* as 1 Samuel 2. 22.

c Chap. 27. 9.

9 ¶ And he made [c]the court: on the south side, southward, the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver.

11 And for the north side, *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

13 And for the east side eastward, fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits, their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen:

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters *of* silver: and all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needle-work, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; and twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets *of* brass four; their hooks *of* silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets *of* silver.

d Chap. 27. 19.

20 And all the [d]pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were of* brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testi-

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mony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work, in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after [e] the shekel of the sanctuary.

[e] Chap. 30. 13.

25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

[f] Chap. 30. 15. † Heb. *a poll.*

26 [f] A bekah for † every man, *that is*, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for [g] six hundred thousand, and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty *men*.

[g] Numb. 1. 46.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast [h] the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

[h] Chap. 26. 19, 21, 25, 32.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *The clothes of service, and holy garments.* 2 *The ephod.* 8 *The breastplate.* 22 *The robe of the ephod.*

[a] Chap. 31. 10. & 35. 19.

AND of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made clothes of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and [a] made the holy garments for Aaron; [b] as the LORD commanded Moses.

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[b] Chap. 28. 4.

2 And he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof, *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

[c] Chap. 28. 9.

6 ¶ [c] And they wrought onyx-stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a [d] memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

[d] Chap. 28. 12.

8 ¶ And he made the breastplate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was four-square; they made the breastplate double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.

[e] Chap. 28. 17, *&c.* ‖ Or, *ruby.*

10 [e] And they set in it four rows of stones; *the first* row *was* a ‖ sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

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18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.

23 And *there was* an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen*.

[f] Chap. 28. 33.

25 And they made [f] bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates, upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates:

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in;* as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 ¶ And they made coats *of* fine linen, *of* woven work, for Aaron, and for his sons;

[g] Ezekiel 44. 18.

28 [g] And a mitre *of* fine linen, and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and [h] linen breeches *of* fine twined linen;

[h] Chap. 28. 42.

29 And a girdle *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, *of* needle-work; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, [i] HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

[i] Chap. 28. 36.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

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33 ¶ And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets;

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering;

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat;

36 The table, *and* all the vessels thereof, and the shew-bread;

37 The pure candlestick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light;

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and † the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle-door;

† Heb. *the incense of sweet spices.*

39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels; the laver and his foot;

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation;

41 The clothes of service to do service in the holy *place;* and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

CHAP. XL.

1 *The tabernacle is commanded to be reared,* 9 *and anointed.* 12 *Aaron and his sons to be sanctified.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation;

3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.

4 And [a] thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order † the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.

[a] Chap. 26. 35.

† Heb. *the order thereof.*

5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of

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the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

6 Chap. 30. 18. 7 And [b] thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shall put water therein.

8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court-gate.

c Chap. 30. 26. 9 ¶ And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and [c] anoint the tabernacle, and all that *is* therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and [d] it shall be an altar † most holy.

d Chap. 29. 36, 37. † Heb. *holiness of holinesses.*

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.

e Levit. 8. 1,---13. 12 ¶ [e] And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron

f Chap. 28. 41. the holy garments, [f] and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office; for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.

1490. 17 ¶ And it came to pass, in the first month, in the second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the

g Numb. 7. 1. [g] tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

h Chap. 25. 16. 20 ¶ And he took and put [h] the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark.

i Chap. 35. 12. 21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and [i] set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

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22 ¶ [k] And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

k Chap. 26. 35.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 ¶ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ¶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:

l Chap. 30. 7. 27 [l] And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ¶ And he set up the hanging *at* the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt-offering *by* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meat-offering; as the [m] LORD commanded Moses.

m Chap. 29. 38.

30 ¶ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withal.*

31 And Moses, and Aaron, and his sons, washed their hands and their feet thereat.

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; [n] as the LORD commanded Moses.

n Chap. 30. 19.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court-gate: so Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ [o] Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

o Levit. 16. 2. Numb. 9. 15. 1 Kings 8. 10. 2 Chron. 5. 13. & 7. 2. Isaiah 6. 4. Rev. 15. 8.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 [p] And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel † went onward in all their journeys:

p Numb. 10. 11. † Heb. *journeyed*

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

q Chap 13. 21. 38 For [q] the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

CHAP. I.

1 *The burnt-offerings,* 3 *of the herd,* 10 *of the flocks,* 14 *of the fowls.*

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AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [a] If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

a Chap. 22. 18.

3 ¶ If his offering *be* a burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

4 [b] And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it shall be accepted for him, to make atonement for him.

b Chap. 4. 15. & 3. 2, 8, 13. & 8. 14, 22. & 16. 21. Exod. 29. 10, 15.

5 And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD; [c] and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, [d] and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

c 2 Chron. 35. 11.

d Chap. 3. 8.

6 And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

8 And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely,* of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water; and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

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14 ¶ And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of [e] turtle-doves, or of young pigeons

e Chap. 5. 7.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and ‖ wring off his head, and burn *it* on the altar: and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar.

‖ Or, *pinch off the head with the nail.*

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with ‖ his feathers, and cast it beside the altar, on the east part, by the place of the ashes.

‖ Or, *the filth thereof.*

17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, *but* [f] shall not divide *it* asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire: it *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

f Genes. 15. 10.

CHAP. II.

1 *The meat-offering of flour with oil and incense,* 12 *and of the first-fruits in the year.* 13 *The salt of the meat-offering.*

AND when any will offer [a] a meat-offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon.

a Chap. 6. 14. & 9. 17. Numb. 15. 4.

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn [b] the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

b Verse 9. & Chap. 5. 12. & 6. 15. & 24. 7. Isa. 66. 3. Ecclus. 45. 16.

3 And [c] the remnant of the meat-offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons; [d] *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

c Chap. 7. 9. & 10. 12. Ecclus. 7. 31.

d Exod. 29. 37. Numb. 18. 9.

4 ¶ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat-offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers [e] anointed with oil.

e Exod. 29. 2.

5 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering *baken* ‖ in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

‖ Or, *on a flat plate,* or, *slice.*

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it *is* a meat-offering.

7 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering *baken* in the frying-pan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat-offering that is made of these things

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unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat-offering [f] a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* an [g] offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

f Verse 2.

g Exod. 29. 18.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons: *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with [h] leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

h See Mat. 16. 12. Mark 8. 15. Luke 12. 1. 1 Cor. 5. 8. Galat. 5. 9.

12 ¶ [i] As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD; but they shall not † be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

i Exod. 22. 29.

† Heb. *ascend.*

13 ¶ And every oblation of thy meat-offering [k] shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer [l] the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

k Mark 9. 49.

l Numb. 18. 19.

14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of thy first-fruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer, for the meat-offering of thy first-fruits, green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it *is* a meat-offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 *The peace-offering of the herd,* 6 *of the flock,* 7 *whether a lamb,* 12 *or a goat, to be without blemish.*

AND if his oblation *be* a [a] sacrifice of peace-offering, if he offer *it* of the herd; whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.

a Chap. 7. 11, 29. & 22. 18, 21.

2 And [b] he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

b Chap. 1. 4. Exod. 29. 10.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD, [c] the ‖ fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

c Exod. 29. 13, 22.

‖ Or, *suet.*

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the ‖ caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

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‖ Or, *midriff over the liver,* and *over the kidneys.*

5 And Aaron's sons [d] shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

d Chap. 6. 12.

6 ¶ And if his offering, for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the LORD, be *of* the flock, male or female; he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer, of the sacrifice of the peace-offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* [e] the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

e See Chap. 21. 6, 8, 17, 21, 22. & 22. 25. Ezek. 44. 7. Mal. 1. 7, 12.

12 ¶ And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet savour. [f] All the fat *is* the LORD's.

f Chap. 7. 23, 25.

g Gen. 9. 4. Chap. 7. 23, 26. & 17. 10, 14. Deuter. 12. 16. 1 Sam. 14. 33. Ezek. 44. 7

17 *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations, throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor [g] blood.

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CHAP. IV.

1 *The sin-offering of ignorance,* 3 *for the priest,* 13 *the congregation,* 22 *the ruler,* 27 *or for the people.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [a] If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

3 [b] If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring, for his sin which he hath sinned, [c] a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin-offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; [d] and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed [e] shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour [f] all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away,

10 [g] As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

11 [h] And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth † without the camp unto a clean place, [i] where the ashes are poured out, and [k] burn him on the wood with fire: † where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

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13 ¶ And [l] if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, [m] and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD; and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail.

18 And he shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did [n] with the bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin-offering for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God, *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the LORD: it *is* a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his

a Numb. 15. 22.
b Chap. 8. 12.
c Chap. 9. 2.
d Chap. 1. 3, 4.
e Chap. 16. 14. Numb. 19. 4.
f Chap. 5. 9.
g Chap. 3. 3.
h Exod. 29. 14. Numb. 19. 5.
† Heb. *to without the camp.*
i Chap. 6. 11.
k Hebr. 13. 11.
† Heb. *at the pouring out of the ashes.*
l Numb. 15. 24.
m Chap. 5. 2, 3, 4.
n Verse 3.

finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as [o] the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And [p] if † any one of the † common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And [q] he shall take away all the fat thereof, [r] as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon the altar for a [s] sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, [t] according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.

1 *Of him that concealeth his knowledge,* 2 *in touching an unclean thing,* 4 *or in making an oath.* 14 *The trespass-offering in sacrilege,* 17 *and in sins of ignorance.*

AND if a soul sin, [a] and hear the voice of swearing, and *is* a witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it;* if he do not utter *it,* then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Or [b] if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether *it be* a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and *if* it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch [c] the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness *it be* that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it,* then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with *his* lips [d] to do evil, or [e] to do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it,* then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things,* that he shall [f] confess that he hath sinned in that *thing.*

6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb, or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And [g] if † he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring, for his trespass which he hath committed, two [h] turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for the sin-offering first, and [i] wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide *it* asunder.

9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and [k] the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it *is* a sin-offering.

10 And he shall offer the second *for* a burnt-offering, according to the ‖ [l] manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, for his sin which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

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o Chap. 3. 5.

p Numb. 15. 27.
† Heb. *any soul.*
† Heb. *people of the land.*

q Chap. 3. 14.
r Chap. 3. 3.

s Exod. 29. 18.

t Chap. 3. 5.

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a Verse 15, 17.

b Chap. 11. 24, 28, 31, 39.

c Chap. 12. & 13. & 15.

d See 1 Sam. 25. 22. Acts 23. 12.
e See Mark 6. 25.

f Numb. 5. 7.

g Chap. 12. 8. & 14. 21.
† Heb. *his hand cannot reach to the sufficiency of a lamb.*
h Chap. 1. 14.

i Chap. 1. 15.

k Chap. 1. 7, 15, 30, 34.

‖ Or, *ordinance.*
l Chap. 1. 14.

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11 But if he be not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering:
m Numb. 5. 15. m he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put *any* frankincense thereon; for it *is* a sin-offering.

12 Then shall he bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his
n Chap. 2. 2. handful of it, n *even* a memorial thereof, and burn *it* on the altar, o according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a sin-offering.
o Chap. 4. 35.

13 And the priest shall make an atonement for him, as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him:
p Chap. 2. 3. and p *the remnant* shall be the priest's, as a meat-offering.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

q Chap. 22. 14. 15 q If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels
r Exod. 30. 13. of silver, after r the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering.

16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the
s Chap. 22. 14. & 27. 13, 15, 27. Numb. 5. 7. holy thing, and s shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

t Chap. 4. 2. 17 ¶ And if a t soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD;
u Luke 12. 48. u though he wist *it* not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred, and wist *it* not; and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It *is* a trespass-offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The trespass-offerings for sins done wittingly.* 19 *The offering at the consecration of a priest.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in || † fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

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|| Or, *in dealing.* † Heb. *putting of the hand.*

3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and
a Exod. 22. 11. a sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath
b Chap. 5. 16. sworn falsely; he shall even b restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, *and* give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, || † in the day of his trespass-offering.

|| Or, *in the day of his being found guilty.* † Heb. *in the day of his trespass.*

6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the c flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest:
c Chap. 5. 15.

7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD; and it shall be forgiven him, for any thing of all that he hath done, in trespassing therein.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the burnt-offering: It *is* the burnt-offering, || because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

|| Or, *for the burning.*

d Chap. 16. 4. Exod. 28. 40, 41, 43. 10 d And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them e beside the altar.
e Chap. 1. 16.

11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp f unto a clean place.
f Chap. 4. 12.

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon g the fat of the
g Chap. 3. 3, 9, 14. peace-offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

h Chap. 2. 1. Numb. 15. 4. 14 ¶ h And this *is* the law of the meat-offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

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15 And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which *is* upon the meat-offering, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for* a sweet savour, *even* the [i] memorial of it, unto the LORD.

i Chap. 2. 2, 9.

16 And [k] the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; [l] in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

k Chap. 2. 3.

l Chap. 10. 12.

17 It shall not be baken with leaven: [m] I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings made by fire; [n] it *is* most holy, as *is* the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering.

m Numb. 18. 9, 10.

n Exod. 29. 37. Chap. 2. 3.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: [o] every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

o Exod. 29. 37. Chap. 22. 4, 5, 6.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

20 [p] This *is* the offering of Aaron, and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an [q] ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

p Exod. 29. 2.

q Exod. 16. 36.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat-offering shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons, [r] that is anointed in his stead, shall offer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the LORD; [s] it shall be wholly burnt:

r Chap. 4. 3.

s Exod. 29. 25.

23 For every meat-offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, saying, [t] This *is* the law of the sin-offering; [u] In the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before the LORD: [x] it *is* most holy.

t Chap. 4. 2.

u Chap. 1. 3, 5, 11. & 4. 24, 29, 33.

x Chap. 21. 22.

26 [y] The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

y Numb. 18. 9.

27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden [z] shall be broken; and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

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z Chap. 11. 33.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it *is* most holy.

30 [a] And no sin-offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation, to reconcile *withal* in the holy *place*, shall be eaten; it shall be burnt in the fire.

a Chap. 4. 7, 11, 12, 18, 21. & 16. 27. Hebr. 13. 11.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The law of the trespass-offering,* 11 *and of the peace-offering.* 22 *The fat,* 26 *and the blood, are forbidden.*

LIKEWISE [a] this *is* the law of the trespass-offering; [b] it *is* most holy.

a Chap. 5. & 6.

b Chap. 21. 22.

2 [c] In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trespass-offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

c Chap. 1. 3, 5, 11. & 4. 24, 29, 33.

3 And he shall offer of it [d] all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,

d Chap. 3. 4, 10. & 4. 8, 9. Ex. 29. 13.

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar *for* an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a trespass-offering.

6 [e] Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: [f] it *is* most holy.

e Numb. 18. 9, 10.

f Chap. 2. 3.

7 As the sin-offering *is*, so *is* [g] the trespass-offering; *there is* one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have *it*.

g Chap. 6. 26.

8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt-offering, *even* the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered.

9 And [h] all the meat-offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and ‖ in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it.

h Chap. 2. 3, 10. Numb. 18. 9.

‖ Or, *on the flat plate*, or, *slice*.

10 And every meat-offering mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one *as much* as another.

11 ¶ And [i] this *is* the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

i Chap. 3. 1. & 22. 18, 21.

12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers [k] anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

k Chap. 2. 4. Numb. 6. 15.

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13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer *for* his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings.

14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation *for* an heave-offering unto the LORD, *and* it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But [l] if the sacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice; and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten.

l Chap. 19. 6, 7, 8.

17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth *of* the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings that *pertain* unto the LORD, [m] having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul [n] shall be cut off from his people.

m Chap. 15. 3.
n Genes. 17. 14.

21 Moreover, the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing*, *as* [o] the uncleanness of man, or *any* [p] unclean beast, or any abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

o Chap. 12. & 13. & 15.
p Chap. 11. 24, 28.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [q] Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

q Chap. 3. 17.

24 And the fat of the † beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use; but ye shall in no wise eat of it.

† Heb. *carcase.*

25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth *it* shall be cut off from his people.

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26 [r] Moreover, ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

r Genes. 9. 4. Ch. 3. 17. & 17. 14.

27 Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the LORD, shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings.

30 [s] His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire; the fat, with the breast, it shall he bring, that [t] the breast may be waved *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

s Chap. 3. 3, 4, 9, 14.
t Exod. 29. 24, 27.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest *for* an heave-offering of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part.

34 For [u] the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest, and unto his sons, by a statute for ever, from among the children of Israel.

u Exod. 29. 28. Chap. 10. 14. Numb. 18. 18. Deut. 18. 3.

35 ¶ This *is the portion* of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day *when* he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, [x] in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever throughout their generations.

x Chap. 8. 12, 30. Exod. 40. 13, 15.

37 This *is* the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings,

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

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CHAP. VIII.

1 *Moses consecrateth Aaron and his sons:* 14 *their sin-offering:* 18 *their burnt-offering.* 22 *The ram of consecration:* 31 *the place and time of their consecration.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and [b] the garments, and [c] the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, [d] This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, [e] and washed them with water.

7 [f] And he put upon him the [g] coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he [h] put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

9 [i] And he put the mitre upon his head: also upon the mitre, *even* upon his fore-front, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD [k] commanded Moses.

10 [l] And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle, and all that *was* therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar, and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he [m] poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 [n] And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and † put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 [o] And he brought the bullock for the sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons [p] laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering.

15 And he slew *it;* and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and [q] purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

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16 And he took all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned *it* upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD [r] commanded Moses.

18 ¶ [s] And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed *it;* and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it *was* a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; [t] as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And [u] he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew *it;* and Moses took of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder:

26 [x] And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that *was* before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

27 And he put all [y] upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour;

[a] Exod. 29. 1.
[b] Exod. 28. 2, 4.
[c] Exod. 30. 24.
[d] Exod. 29. 4.
[e] Exod. 29. 4.
[f] Exod. 29. 5.
[g] Exod. 28. 4.
[h] Exod. 28. 30.
[i] Exod. 29. 6.
[k] Exod. 28. 37, &c.
[l] Exod. 30. 26.
[m] Chap. 21. 10, 12. Ex. 29. 7. & 30. 30. Psalm 133. 2. Eccles. 45. 15.
[n] Exod. 29. 8.
† Heb. *bound.*
[o] Exod. 29. 10.
[p] Chap. 4. 4.
[q] Exod. 29. 36.
[r] Chap. 4. 11. Ex. 29. 14.
[s] Exod. 29. 15.
[t] Exod. 29. 18.
[u] Exod. 29. 19, 31.
[x] Exod. 29. 23.
[y] Exod. 29. 24, &c.

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[z] it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

z Exod. 29. 25.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: *for* of the ram of consecration it was Moses' [a] part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

a Exod. 29. 26.

b Exod. 29. 21. & 30. 30.

30 And [b] Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and there [c] eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

c Exod. 29. 31.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for [d] seven days shall he consecrate you.

d Exod. 29. 30, 35. Ezekiel 43. 25.

34 As he hath done this day, *so* the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

1, 8 *Aaron's sin-offering and burnt-offering for himself and the people.* 23 *The people blessed.* 24 *Fire cometh out from the Lord upon the altar.*

a Ezekiel 43. 27.

AND [a] it came to pass upon the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

b Chap. 4. 3. & 8. 14. Ex. 29. 1.

2 And he said unto Aaron, [b] Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, c Chap. 8. 18. [c] and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

d Chap. 4. 23. Ezra 6. 17.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, [d] Take a kid of the goats for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering;

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat-offering mingled with oil: for [e] to-day the LORD will appear unto you.

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e Verse 23. Ex. 29. 43.

5 ¶ And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation; and all the congregation drew near, and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do; and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and [f] offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

f Hebr. 5. 3. & 7. 27. & 9. 7.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering which *was* for himself.

9 [g] And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and [h] put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

g Chap. 8. 15.

h See Chap. 4. 7.

10 [i] But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver, of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; [k] as the LORD commanded Moses.

i Chap. 8. 16.

k Chap. 4. 8.

11 [l] And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

l Chap. 4. 11. & 8. 17.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, [m] which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

m Chap. 8. 19.

13 [n] And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head; and he burnt *them* upon the altar.

n Chap. 8. 20.

14 [o] And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

o Chap. 8. 21.

15 ¶ And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat which *was* the sin-offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it [p] according to the || manner.

p Chap. 1. 3, 10.

|| Or, *ordinance.*

17 And he brought [q] the meat-offering, and † took an handful thereof, and burnt *it* upon the altar, [r] beside the burnt-sacrifice of the morning.

q Chap. 2. 1, 2.

† Heb. *filled his hand out of it.*

r Exod. 29. 38.

18 He slew also the bullock and the ram *for* [s] a sacrifice of peace-offerings which *was* for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about,

s Chap. 3. 1.

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19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver:

20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved [t]*for* a wave-offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and [u] blessed them; and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

23 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And [x] there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

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1 *Nadab and Abihu burnt.* 8 *The priests forbidden wine,* &c.

AND [a] Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, [b] took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them; and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them [c] that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of [d] Uzziel, the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, [e] Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes, lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: [f] for the anointing oil of the LORD *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

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8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

9 [g] Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations;

10 And that ye may [h] put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

11 And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

12 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take [i] the meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for [k] it *is* most holy.

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it *is* thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for [l] so I am commanded.

14 And [m] the wave-breast and heave-shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy sons' due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Israel.

15 [n] The heave-shoulder and the wave-breast shall they bring, with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave *it for* a wave-offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

16 ¶ And Moses diligently sought [o] the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *which were* left *alive*, saying,

17 [p] Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it *is* most holy, and *God* hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy *place:* ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy *place*, [q] as I commanded.

19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, [r] this day have they offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before the LORD; and such

t Exod. 29. 24, 26. Ch. 7. 31, 32, 33, 34.
u Numb. 6. 23. Deut. 21. 5.
x Genes. 4. 4. Judg. 6. 21. 1 Kings 18. 38. 2 Chron. 7. 1. 2 Mac. 2. 10, 11.
a Numb. 3. 3, 4. & 26. 61. 1 Chron. 24. 2.
b Chap. 16. 12.
c Exod. 19. 22. & 29. 43. Isa. 52. 11.
d Exod. 6. 18, 22. Numb. 3. 19.
e Chap. 13. 45. & 21. 1, 10. Numb. 6. 6. Deut. 33. 9. Ezekiel 24. 16.
f Exod. 28. 41.
g Ezekiel 44. 21. 1 Tim. 3. 3. Titus 1. 7.
h Jerem. 15. 19. Ezekiel 22. 26. & 44. 23.
i Exod. 29. 2. Chap. 6. 16.
k Chap. 21. 22.
l Chap. 2. 3. & 6. 16.
m Exod. 29. 24. Chap. 7. 31, 34.
n Chap. 7. 29, 30.
o Chap. 9. 3.
p Chap. 6. 26, 29.
q Chap. 6. 26.
r Chap. 9. 8, 12.

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things have befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the sin-offering to-day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?

20 And when Moses heard *that,* he was content.

CHAP. XI.

1, 4 *Of meats clean,* 13 *and unclean.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [a] These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth.

a Deuter. 14. 4. Acts 10. 12, 14.

3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

4 Nevertheless, these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

b 2 Mac. 6. 18. & 7. 1. c Isaiah 65. 4. & 66. 3, 17.

7 And [b] the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; [c] he *is* unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; [d] they *are* unclean to you.

d See Acts 10. 14, 15. & 15. 29. Rom. 14. 14, 17. 1 Cor. 8. 8. Col. 2. 21.

9 ¶ These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: Whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you:

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

13 ¶ And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: The eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey,

14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;

15 Every raven after his kind;

16 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind,

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17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier-eagle,

19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat, of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth:

22 *Even* these of them ye may eat; [e] the locust after his kind, and the bald-locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grashopper after his kind.

e Matth. 3. 4. Mark 1. 6.

23 But all *other* flying creeping things, which have four feet, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcase of them [f] shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

f Chap. 14. 8. & 15. 5.

26 *The carcases* of every beast which divideth the hoof, and *is* not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

Numb. 19. 10, 22. & 31. 24.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on *all* four, those *are* unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even; they *are* unclean unto you.

29 ¶ These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth: The weasel, and [g] the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,

g Isaiah 66. 17.

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

31 These *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatsoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel *it be,* wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

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33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and [h] ye shall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean.

35 And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for* they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit, † *wherein there is* plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.

37 And if *any part* of their carcase fall upon any sowing-seed which is to be sown, it *shall be* clean.

38 But if *any* water be put upon the seed, and *any part* of their carcase fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast of which ye may eat die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.

40 And [i] he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth *shall be* an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatsoever † hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomination.

43 [k] Ye shall not make your † selves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and [l] ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy; for I *am* holy.

46 This *is* the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth;

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47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Women's purification after childbirth,* 6 *and offerings.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [a] If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man-child, then [b] she shall be unclean seven days; [c] according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

3 And in the [d] eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days: she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if she bear a maid-child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation; and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

6 ¶ And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb † of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest;

7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

8 [e] And if † she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAP. XIII.

The laws and tokens whereby the priest is to discern the leprosy.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a ‖ rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy; [a] then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:

3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh; and

h Chap. 6. 28. & 15. 12.

† Heb. *a gathering together of waters.*

¶ Chap. 17. 15. & 22. 8. Deuter. 14. 21. Ezekiel 4. 14. & 44. 31.

† Heb. *doth multiply feet.*

k Chap. 20. 25.

† Heb. *souls.*

l Chap. 19. 2. & 20. 7. 1 Thessal. 4. 7. 1 Peter 1. 15, 16.

a Chap. 15. 19.

b Luke 2. 22.

c Chap. 15. 19.

d Genes. 17. 12. Luke 1. 59. & 2. 21. John 7. 22.

† Heb. *a son of his year.*

e Chap. 5. 7. Luke 2. 24.

† Heb. *her hand find not sufficiency of.*

‖ Or, *swelling.*

a Deuter. 17. 8. & 24. 8.

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when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days.

5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more.

6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, *and* the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it *is but* a scab; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again.

8 And *if* the priest see, that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosy.

9 ¶ When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;

10 And the priest shall see *him:* and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* † quick raw flesh in the rising,

† Heb. *the quickening of living flesh.*

11 It *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh; and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean.

12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague, from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;

13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague; it is all turned white: he *is* clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean; *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* a leprosy.

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest;

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17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

18 ¶ The flesh also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest;

20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosy broken out of the bile.

21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning bile; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 ¶ Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* † a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;

† Heb. *a burning of fire.*

25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be in* sight deeper than the skin, it *is* a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hair in the bright spot, and it *be* no lower than the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

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29 ¶ If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard;
30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight deeper than the skin, and *there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard.
31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it *be* not in sight deeper than the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days.
32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin;
33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave: and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more.
34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing;
36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean.
37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and *that* there is black hair grown up therein, the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.
38 ¶ If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots;
39 Then the priest shall look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish white; it *is* a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin: he *is* clean.
† Heb. *head is pilled.*
40 And the man whose † hair is fallen off his head, he *is* bald; *yet is* he clean.
41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he *is* fore-head bald; *yet is* he clean.
42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald fore-head, a white reddish sore, it *is* a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald fore-head.
43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh,

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44 He is a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.
45 And the leper, in whom the plague *is*, [b] his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.
b Ezekiel 24. 17, 22. Micah 3. 7.
46 All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; [c] without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.
c Numb. 5. 2. & 12. 14. 2 Kings 7. 3. & 15. 5. 2 Chron. 26. 21.
47 ¶ The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment or a linen garment;
48 Whether *it be* in the warp or woof, of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any † thing made of skin:
† Heb. *work of.*
49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any † thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest.
† Heb. *vessel, or, instrument.*
50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *it that hath* the plague seven days.
51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that is made of skin, the plague *is* a fretting leprosy; it *is* unclean.
52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.
53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;
54 Then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* wherein the plague *is*, and he shall shut it up seven days more.
55 And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, *if* the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread, it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire: it *is* fret inward, † *whether* it *be* bare within or without.
† Heb. *whether it be bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof.*
56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague *be* somewhat dark

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after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, it *is* a spreading *plague;* thou shalt burn that wherein the plague *is* with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be,* which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The rites and sacrifices in cleansing of the leper.* 33 *The signs of leprosy in a house:* 48 *the cleansing of that house.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He [a] shall be brought unto the priest.

a Matth. 3. 2, 4. Mark 1. 40, 44. Luke 5. 12, 14. & 17. 14.

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp: and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two ‖ birds alive *and* clean, and [b] cedar-wood, and [c] scarlet, and [d] hyssop.

‖ Or, *sparrows.*
b Numb. 19. 6.
c Hebr. 9. 19.
d Psalm 51. 7.

5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water.

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the running water;

7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose † into the open field.

† Heb. *upon the face of the field.*

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, [e] and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and [f] shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

e Chap. 11. 25.
f Numb. 12. 15.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day that he shall shave all his hair off his head, and his beard, and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

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10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ewe-lamb † of the first year without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour *for* [g] a meat-offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil.

† Heb. *the daughter of her year.*
g Chap. 2. 1. Numb. 15. 4, 15.

11 And the priest that maketh *him* clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

12 And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and [h] offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and [i] wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

h Chap. 5. 2, 18.
i Exod. 29. 24.

13 And he shall slay the lamb [k] in the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the holy place; for [l] as the sin-offering *is* the priest's, *so is* the trespass-offering: [m] it *is* most holy.

k Exod. 29. 11. Chap. 3. 8. & 4. 4, 24.
l Chap. 7. 7.
m Chap. 2. 3. & 21. 22.

14 And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put *it* [n] upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

n Exod. 29. 20. Chap. 8. 23.

15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD.

17 And of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering.

18 And the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

19 And the priest shall offer [o] the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering.

o Chap. 5. 7.

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering and the meat-offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

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21 And [p] if he *be* poor, and † cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass-offering † to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one-tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering, and a log of oil;

22 And two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day, for his cleansing, unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand.

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left hand seven times before the LORD.

28 And the priest shall put of the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering.

29 And the rest of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get;

31 *Even* such as he is able to get, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom *is* the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get [q] *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;

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35 And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house:

36 Then the priest shall command that they ‖ empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague, that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house.

37 And he shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower than the wall;

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city.

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plastered;

44 Then the priest shall come and look: and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosy in the house: it *is* unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 ¶ And if the priest † shall come in, and look *upon it*, and, behold, the

[p] Chap. 5. 7.
† Heb. *his hand reach not.*
‡ Heb. *for a waving.*
[q] Verse 10.
‖ Or, *prepare.*
† Heb. *in coming it shall come in, &c.*

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plague hath not spread in the house after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

r Verse 4.

49 And r he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water.

51 And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet.

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

s Chap. 13, 30.

54 This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and s scall,

55 And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot;

† Heb. *in the day of the unclean, and in the day of the clean.*

57 To teach † when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy.

CHAP. XV.

1,19 *Uncleanness by issues:* 13,28 *their cleansing.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, a When any man hath a ‖running issue out of his flesh, *because of* his issue he *is* unclean.

a Numb. 5. 2. ‖ Or, *running of the reins.*

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness.

4 Every bed whereon he lieth that hath the issue is unclean, and every † thing whereon he sitteth shall be unclean.

† Heb. *vessel.*

b Chap. 11. 25.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, b and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

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8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

c Chap. 6. 28. & 11. 32, 33.

12 And the c vessel of earth that he toucheth which hath the issue shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

d Chap. 14. 8.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then d he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

e Chap. 14. 22.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him e two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest.

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.

f Deuter. 23. 10.

16 And f if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

g Chap. 12. 2.

19 ¶ And g if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be † put apart seven days; and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

† Heb. *in her separation.*

20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

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21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

h See Chap. 20. 18.

24 And [h] if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

i Matth. 9. 20.

25 And if [i] a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.

26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.

32 This *is* the law of him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her which is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

11 *The high priest's sin-offering.* 20 *The scape-goat.* 29 *The feast of expiations.*

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AND the LORD spake unto Moses, after [a] the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

a Chap. 10. 1, 2.

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he [b] come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy-seat, which *is* upon the ark, that he die not: for [c] I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat.

b Exod. 30. 10. Chap. 23. 27. Hebr. 9. 7.
c Exod. 40. 34. 1 Kings 8. 12.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place;* [d] with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering.

d Chap. 4. 3.

4 He shall put on [e] the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore [f] shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

e Exod. 28. 39, 43. & Chap. 6. 10.
f Exod. 30. 20.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself, and [g] make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

g Hebr. 7. 27, 28. & 9. 7.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the † scape-goat.

† Heb. *Azazel.*

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot † fell, and offer him *for* a sin-offering:

† Heb. *went up.*

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

11 ¶ And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself.

12 And he shall take [h] a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of [i] sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail.

h Chap. 10. 1.
i Exod. 30. 34.

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that

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the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not.

k Hebr. 9. 13, 25. & 10. 4.

14 And [k] he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and [l] sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy-seat eastward; and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

l Chap. 4. 6.

15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat.

m See Exod. 29. 36. Hebr. 9. 22.

16 And he shall [m] make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation that † remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

† Heb. *dwelleth.*

n Luke 1. 10.

17 [n] And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And he shall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of † a fit man into the wilderness.

† Heb. *a man of opportunity.*

22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land † not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

† Heb. *of separation.*

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there;

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

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25 And [o] the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar.

o Chap. 4. 10.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scape-goat shall wash his clothes, [p] and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

p Chap. 15. 5.

27 [q] And the bullock *for* the sin-offering, and the goat *for* the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

q Chap. 4. 12, 21. & 6. 30. Hebr. 13. 11.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you, *that* [r] in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

r Exod. 30. 10. Chap. 23. 27. Numb. 29. 7.

30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

32 [s] And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall † consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments:

s Chap. 4. 3, 5, 16. † Heb. *fill his hand.*

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins [t] once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

t Exod. 30. 10. Hebr. 9. 7.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Where the blood of beasts must be offered.* 10 *Eating of blood forbidden.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Is-

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rael, and say unto them, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel [a] that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp,

4 [b] And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace-offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a [c] sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices [d] unto devils, after whom they [e] have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 ¶ And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ [f] And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; [g] I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls: for [h] it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, † which [1] hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

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14 [k] For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 ¶ [1] And every soul that eateth † that which died *of itself*, or that which was torn *with beasts, whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger, [m] he shall both wash his clothes, [n] and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even; then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAP. XVIII.

6 *Of unlawful marriages.* 19 *Of unlawful lusts.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I *am* the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and [a] after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments; [b] which if a man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the LORD.

6 ¶ None of you shall approach to any that is † near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness: I *am* the LORD.

7 [c] The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 [d] The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy father's nakedness.

9 [e] The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home, or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs *is* thine own nakedness.

a See Deuter. 12. 5, 15, 21.

b Deuter. 12. 13.

c Exod. 29. 18. Chap. 4. 31.

d Deuter. 32. 17. 2 Chron. 11. 15. Psalm 106. 37. 1 Corinth. 10. 20. Revel. 9. 20.

e Ezekiel 23. 8.

f Genes. 9. 4. Chap. 7. 26. & 19. 26. Deuter. 12. 16, 23. & 15. 23. 1 Sam. 14. 33. Ezekiel 44. 7.

g Jerem. 44. 11.

h Hebr. 9. 22.

† Heb. *that hunteth any hunting.*

i Chap. 7. 26.

k Gen. 9. 4. Deuter. 12. 23.

l Exod. 22. 31. Chap. 22. 8. Ezekiel 44. 31.

† Heb. *a carcase.*

m Chap. 11. 25.

n Chap. 15. 5.

a Chap. 20. 23.

b Ezek. 20. 11, 13. Luke 10. 28. Rom. 10. 5. Galat. 3. 12.

† Heb. *remainder of his flesh.*

c Chap. 20. 11.

d Chap. 20. 11. Deuter. 22. 30. & 27. 20. Ezekiel 22. 10. Amos 2. 7. 1 Cor. 5. 1.

e Chap. 20. 17. 2 Sam. 13. 12. Ezekiel 22. 11.

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11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, (she *is* thy sister,) thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

f Chap. 20. 19.

12 [f] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she *is* thy father's near kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman.

g Chap. 20. 20.

14 [g] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine aunt.

h Chap. 20. 12. Ezekiel 22. 11.

15 [h] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she *is* thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

i Chap. 20. 21. Mat. 14. 4. See Deuter. 25. 5.

16 [i] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it *is* thy brother's nakedness.

k Chap. 20. 14.

17 [k] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for* they *are* her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness.

‖ Or, one *wife to another.*

18 Neither shalt thou take ‖ a wife to her sister, to vex *her,* to uncover her nakedness, besides the other in her life-*time.*

l Chap. 20. 18. Ezekiel 18. 6. & 22. 10.

19 ¶ [l] Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

m Chap. 20. 10. Exod. 20. 14.

20 Moreover, [m] thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

n Chap. 20. 2. 1 Kings 11. 33. 2 Kings 21. 6. & 23. 10. Jer. 19. 5. Ezekiel 23. 37, 39.

o Called Acts 7. 43. *Moloch.*

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed [n] pass through *the fire* to [o] Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

p Chap. 20. 13. 1 Cor. 6. 9. 1 Tim. 1. 10.

22 [p] Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

q Chap. 20. 15, 16. Exod. 22. 19.

23 [q] Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

r Chap. 20. 22.

26 [r] Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

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27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done which *were* before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That [s] the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.

s Jerem. 9. 19. Ezekiel 36. 13, 17.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, [t] that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

t Verse 3. Chap. 20. 23.

CHAP. XIX.

A repetition of sundry laws.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, [a] Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

a Chap. 11. 44. & 20. 7, 26. 1 Pet. 1. 16.

3 ¶ [b] Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father, and [c] keep my sabbaths: I *am* the LORD your God.

b Exod. 20. 12. c Exod. 20. 8. & 31. 15.

4 [d] Turn ye not unto idols, [e] nor make to yourselves molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

d Exod. 20. 4. e Exod. 34. 17. Deuter. 27. 15.

5 ¶ And [f] if ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will.

f Chap. 7. 16.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ And [g] when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

g Chap. 23. 22. Deuter. 24. 19. Ruth 2. 15, 16.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ¶ [h] Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

h Exod. 20. 15. & 22. 1, 7, 10. Chap. 6. 2.

12 ¶ And ye shall not [i] swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

i Exod. 20. 7. Chap. 6. 3. Deut. 5. 11. Mat. 5. 33. James 5. 12.

13 ¶ [k] Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him:* [l] the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deaf, [m] nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

15 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not [n] respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 ¶ [o] Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ [p] Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: [q] thou shalt in anywise rebuke thy neighbour, || and not suffer sin upon him.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; [r] but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

19 ¶ Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind. [s] Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed; [t] neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 ¶ And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman that *is* a bond-maid, || † betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her, || † she shall be scourged: they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And [u] he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass-offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before the LORD, for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

23 ¶ And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be † holy, to praise the LORD *withal.*

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.

26 ¶ [x] Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood; [y] neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

27 ¶ [z] Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not [a] make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I *am* the LORD.

29 ¶ [b] Do not † prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ [c] Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

31 ¶ [d] Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

32 ¶ [e] Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

33 ¶ And [f] if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not || vex him.

34 [g] *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and [h] thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

35 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in mete-yard, in weight, or in measure.

36 [i] Just balances, just † weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Of giving seed to Molech:* 6 *of wizards:* 9 *of cursing of parents,* &c.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, [b] Whosoever *he be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any* of his seed unto Molech, he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And [c] I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

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k Ecclus. 10. 6.
l Deut. 24. 14, 15. Mal. 3. 5. Tobit 4. 14. James 5. 4.
m Deuter. 27. 18.
n Exod. 23. 2, 3. Deuter. 1. 17. & 16. 19. & 27. 19. Prov. 24. 23. James 2. 9.
o Exod. 23. 1. Psal. 15. 3. & 50. 20. Prov. 11. 13. & 20. 19.
p 1 John 2. 11. & 3. 15.
q Ecclus. 19. 13. Matth. 18. 15. Luke 17. 3. Galat. 6. 1. Eph. 5. 11. 1 Tim. 5. 20.
|| Or, *that thou bear not sin for him:* See Rom. 1. 32.
r 1 Cor. 5. 2. 1 Tim. 5. 22. 2 John 10, 11.
s Prov. 20. 22. Mat. 5. 43. & 22. 39. Rom. 13. 9. Gal. 5. 14. James 2. 8.
t Deuter. 22. 9, 10.
|| Or, *abused by any.*
† Heb. *reproached by,* or, *for man.*
|| Or, *they.*
† Heb. *there shall be a scourging.*
u Chap. 5. 15.
† Heb. *holiness of praises to the LORD.*

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x Chap. 17. 10, &c. Deuter. 12. 23.
y Deuter. 18. 10, &c. 1 Sam. 15. 23.
z Chap. 21. 5. Jer. 9. 26. & 48. 37.
a Deuter. 14. 1. Jer. 16. 6. & 48. 37.
b Deuter. 23. 17.
† Heb. *profane.*
c Chap. 26. 2.
d Chap. 20. 6, 27. Deuter. 18. 10. Isa. 8. 19. Acts 16. 16.
e 1 Tim. 5. 1.
f Exod. 22. 21. & 23. 9.
|| Or, *oppress.*
g Exod. 12. 49. & 23. 9.
h Deuter. 10. 19.
i Deuter. 25. 13. Prov. 11. 1. & 16. 11. & 20. 10.
† Heb. *stones.*
a Chap. 18. 21.
b Deuter. 18. 10. & 2 Kings 17. 17. & 23. 10. Jer. 32. 35.
c Chap. 17. 10.

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4 ¶ And if the people of the land do anywise hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not;

5 Then [d] I will set my face against that man, and [e] against his family, and will cut him off, and all that [f] go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 ¶ And [g] the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 ¶ [h] Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.

9 ¶ [i] For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood *shall be* upon him.

10 ¶ And [k] the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 [l] And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

12 [m] And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them.

13 [n] If a man also lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

14 [o] And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 [p] And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death; and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them.

17 [q] And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

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18 [r] And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness, he hath †discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 [s] And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister; for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 [t] And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 [u] And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* †an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 ¶ Ye shall therefore keep all my [x] statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, [y] spue you not out.

23 [z] And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nations which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and [a] therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I *am* the LORD your God, which have separated you from *other* people.

25 [b] Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that ‖ creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: [c] for I the LORD *am* holy, and have severed you from *other* people, that ye should be mine.

27 ¶ [d] A man also, or woman, that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood *shall be* upon them.

CHAP. XXI.

Of the priests' mourning and marriages.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, [a] There

d Chap. 17. 10.
e Exod. 20. 5.
f Chap. 17. 7.
g Chap. 19. 31.
h Chap. 11. 44. & 19. 2. I Pet. 1. 16.
i Exod. 21. 17. Deuter. 27. 16. Prov. 20. 20. Mat. 15. 4.
k Chap. 18. 20. Deuter. 22. 22. John 8. 4, 5.
l Chap. 18. 8.
m Chap. 18. 15. Deuter. 27. 23.
n Chap. 18. 22.
o Chap. 18. 17. Deuter. 27. 23.
p Chap. 18. 23. Deuter. 27. 21.
q Chap. 18. 9. Deuter. 27. 22.
r Chap. 18. 19. See Chap. 15. 24.
† Heb. *made naked.*
s Chap. 18. 12, 13.
t Chap. 18. 14.
u Chap. 18. 16.
† Heb. *a separation.*
x Chap. 18. 26.
y Chap. 18. 25, 28.
z Chap. 18. 3, 24.
a Chap. 18. 27. Deut. 9. 5.
b Chap. 11. 47. Deut. 14. 4.
‖ Or, *moveth.*
c Verse 7. Chap. 19. 2. I Pet. 1. 16.
d Chap. 19. 31. Ex. 22. 18. Deuter. 18. 10, 11. 1 Sam. 28. 7, 8.
a Ezekiel 44. 25.

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shall none be defiled for the dead among his people:

2 But for his kin that is near unto him, *that is,* for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.

‖ Or, *being an husband among his people, he shall not defile him self* for his wife, &c. See Ezekiel 24. 16, 17.

4 *But* ‖ he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

b Chap. 19. 27, 28. Deut. 14. 1. Ezekiel 44. 20.

5 [b] They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

c See Chap. 3. 11.

6 ¶ They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, *and* [c] the bread of their God, they do offer; therefore they shall be holy.

d Ezekiel 44. 22.

7 ¶ [d] They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he *is* holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy.

e Genes. 38. 24.

9 ¶ [e] And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

f Exod. 29. 29, 30.
g Exod. 28. 2. Chap. 16. 32.
h Chap. 10. 6.

10 And *he that is* the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head [f] the anointing oil was poured, and [g] that is consecrated to put on the garments, [h] shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes;

i Chap. 10. 7.
k Exod. 28. 36.

11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

12 [i] Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for [k] the crown of the anointing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the LORD.

l Ezekiel 44. 22.

13 ¶ And [l] he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he not take; but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do sanctify him.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever *he be* of thy seed in their generations that hath *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the ‖ bread of his God:

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‖ Or, *food.*

18 For whatsoever man *he be* that hath a blemish, he shall not approach; a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing [m] superfluous,

m Chap. 22. 23.

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed,

‖ Or, *too slender.*

20 Or crook-backed, or ‖ a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken:

21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He shall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy, and of the holy:

23 Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

24 And Moses told *it* unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXII.

The priests in their uncleanness must abstain from holy things, &c.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name *in those things* which they hallow unto me: I *am* the LORD.

3 Say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of all your seed, among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I *am* the LORD.

a Chap. 15. 2.
† Heb. *running of the reins.*
b Chap. 14. 2. & 15. 13.
c Numb. 19. 11.
d Chap. 15. 16.
e Chap. 11. 24.
f Chap. 15. 7, 19.

4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron *is* a leper, or [a] hath a †running issue, he shall not eat of the holy things, [b] until he be clean. And [c] whoso toucheth any thing *that is* unclean *by* the dead, or [d] a man whose seed goeth from him;

5 Or [e] whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or [f] a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath;

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and

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shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it *is* his food.

g Exod. 22. 31. Chap. 17. 15. Ezekiel 44. 31.

8 g That which dieth of itself, or is torn *with beasts*, he shall not eat, to defile himself therewith: I *am* the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

h See 1 Sam. 21. 6.

10 ¶ h There shall no stranger eat *of* the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat *of* the holy thing.

† Heb. *with the purchase of his money.*

11 But if the priest buy *any* soul † with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house; they shall eat of his meat.

† Heb. *a man a stranger.*

12 If the priest's daughter also be *married* unto † a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

i Chap. 10. 14.

13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, i as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat; but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

14 ¶ And if a man eat *of* the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth *part* thereof unto it, and shall give *it* unto the priest with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD;

‖ Or, *lade themselves with the iniquity of trespass in their eating.*

16 Or ‖ suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of

k Chap. 1. 2, 3, 10.

Israel, and say unto them, k Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt-offering;

l Chap. 1. 3.

19 l *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.

m Deuter. 15. 21. & 17. 1. Mal. 1. 8.

20 m *But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

n Chap. 3. 1.

21 And n whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, to accomplish *his* vow, or a free-will-offering in beeves or ‖ sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted: there shall be no blemish therein.

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‖ Or, *goats.*

o Verse 20.

22 o Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

‖ Or, *kid.*

p Chap. 21. 18.

23 Either a bullock or a ‖ lamb that hath any thing p superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer *for* a free-will-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make *any* offering *thereof* in your land.

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption *is* in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

q Exod. 22. 30.

27 q When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

‖ Or, *she-goat.*

r Deuter. 22. 6.

28 And *whether it be* cow or ‖ ewe, ye shall not kill it r and her young both in one day.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer *it* at your own will.

s Chap. 7. 15.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave s none of it until the morrow: I *am* the LORD.

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: I *am* the LORD.

t Chap. 10. 3.

32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but t I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Of sundry feasts.* 22 *Gleanings for the poor.* 26 *The day of atonement.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

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3 ¶ [a] Six days shall work be done; but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein:* it *is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 [b] In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work *therein.*

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [c] When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a ‖ † sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest;

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day, when ye wave the sheaf, an he-lamb without blemish, of the first year, for a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

13 And the meat-offering thereof *shall be* two-tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour; and the drink-offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

15 ¶ And [d] ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth-deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; *they are* [e] the first-fruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice [f] one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of [g] peace-offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them, with the bread of the first-fruits *for* a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: [h] they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the self-same day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work *therein: it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings, throughout your generations.

22 ¶ And [i] when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, [k] neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the [l] seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, [m] a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein;* but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 [n] Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day; for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, [o] he shall be cut off from among his people.

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a Exod. 20. 9. & 23. 12. & 31. 15. & 34. 21. Chap. 19. 3. Deut. 5. 13. Luke 13. 14.

b Exod. 12. 18. & 13. 3. & 23. 15. & 34. 18. Numb. 9. 2. & 28. 16. Deut. 16. 1.

c Exod. 23. 16. & 34. 22. Numb. 28. 26. Deut. 16. 9. Josh. 5. 15.

‖ Or, *handful.*

† Heb. *omer.*

d Chap. 25. 8. Deut. 16. 9.

e Exod. 23. 16, 19. & 22. 29. & 34. 26. Numb. 15. 17. & 28. 26. Deut. 26. 1.

f Chap. 4. 23.

g Chap. 3. 1.

h Numb. 18. 12. Deut. 18. 4.

i Chap. 19. 9.

k Deuter. 24. 19.

l Numb. 29. 1.

m Chap. 25. 9.

n Chap. 16. 30. Numb. 29. 7.

o Genes. 17. 14.

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30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, [p] the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

[p] Chap. 20. 3, 5, 6.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye † celebrate your sabbath.

† Heb. *rest.*

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [q] The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.

[q] Exod. 23. 16. Numb. 29. 12. Deuter. 16. 13.

35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD; [r] on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you, and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a †[s] solemn assembly, *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

[r] John 7. 37.

† Heb. day of *restraint.*

[s] 2 Chron. 7. 9.

37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day;

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your free-will-offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.

40 And [t] ye shall take you on the first day the † boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

[t] Nehem. 8. 15.

† Heb. *fruit.*

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations; ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

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44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *The oil for the lamps.* 10 *Shelomith's son blasphemeth.* 13 *The law of blasphemy:* 17 *of murder:* 18 *of damage.* 23 *The blasphemer is stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil-olive beaten for the light, † to cause the lamps to burn continually.

[a] Exod. 27. 20.

† Heb. *to cause to ascend.*

3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon [b] the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

[b] Exod. 31. 8.

5 ¶ And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve [c] cakes thereof: two tenth-deals shall be in one cake.

[c] Exod. 25. 30.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

9 And [d] it shall be Aaron's and his sons; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

[d] Exod. 29. 33. Chap. 8. 31. 1 Sam. 21. 6. Mat. 12. 4.

10 ¶ And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp:

11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name *of the* LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses; (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan;)

12 And they [e] put him in ward, † that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.

[e] Numb. 15. 34.

† Heb. *to expound unto them according to the mouth of the* LORD.

13 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

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14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp, and let all that heard *him* [f] lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

16 And [g] he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name *of the LORD*, shall be put to death.

17 ¶ [h] And he that †killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good: †beast for beast.

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as [i] he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *again*.

21 [k] And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it; and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have [l] one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXV.

8 *The jubilee.* 14 *Of oppression,* 35 *and compassion of the poor,* &c.

1491. AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land †[a] keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 [b] That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes †of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

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7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

8 ¶ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet †of the jubilee to sound, on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; [c] in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed.

12 For it *is* the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

14 ¶ And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another.

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee.

16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

18 ¶ Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and [d] ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

f Deuter. 13. 9. & 17. 7.

g 1 Kings 21. 10, 13.

h Exod. 21. 12. Numb. 35. 31. Deuter. 19. 11.

† Heb. *smiteth the life of a man.*

† Heb. *life for life.*

i Exod. 21. 24. Deuter. 19. 21. Mat. 5. 38.

k Exod. 21. 33.

l Exod. 12. 49.

† Heb. *rest.*

a Exod. 23. 10. See Chap. 26. 34.

b 2 Kings 19. 29.

† Heb. *of thy separation.*

† Heb. *loud of sound.*

c Chap. 23. 24, 27.

d Chap. 26. 5.

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20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase;

21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

‖ Or, *to be quite cut off.* † Heb. *for cutting off.*

23 ¶ The land shall not be sold ‖ † for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* [e] strangers and sojourners with me.

e Psalm 119. 19. 1 Pet. 2. 11.

24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

f Ruth 2. 20. & 4. 6.

25 ¶ [f] If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if [g] any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

g See Ruth 3. 2, 9, 12. Jer. 32. 7.

† Heb. *his hand hath attained and found sufficiency.*

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and † himself be able to redeem it;

27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it, that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he be not able to restore *it* to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 ¶ And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold: *within* a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that *is* in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages, which have no walls round about them, shall be counted as the fields of the country: † they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

† Heb. *redemption belongeth unto it.*

h See Numb. 35. 2. Joshua 21. 2, &c.

32 Notwithstanding [h] the cities of the Levites, *and* the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.

‖ Or, one *of the Levites redeem* them.

33 And if ‖ a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in *the year of* jubilee: for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel.

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34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it *is* their perpetual possession.

† Heb. *his hand faileth.* † Heb. *strengthen.*

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and † fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt † relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

i Exod. 22. 25. Deuter. 23. 19. Prov. 28. 8. Ezekiel 18. 8. & 22. 12. k Nehem. 5. 9.

36 [i] Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but [k] fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

l Exod. 21. 2. Deuter. 15. 12. Jer. 34. 14. † Heb. *serve thyself with him with the service,* &c.

39 ¶ And [l] if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not † compel him to serve as a bond-servant:

40 *But* as an hired servant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee.

41 And *then* shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they *are* my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold † as bond-men.

† Heb. *with the sale of a bond-man.* m Ephes. 6. 9. Colos. 4. 1.

43 [m] Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour, but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bond-men and thy bond-maids, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they begat in your land; and they shall be your possession:

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession; † they shall be your bond-men for ever: but over your brethren, the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

† Heb. *ye shall serve yourselves with them.*

47 ¶ And if a sojourner or stranger † wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger *or* so-

† Heb. *his hand obtain,* &c.

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journer by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

48 After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or, if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him, from the year that he was sold to him, unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years; according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If *there be* yet many years *behind*, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; *and the other* shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

‖ Or, *by these means.*

54 And if he be not redeemed ‖ in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, *both* he, and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Of idolatry.* 3 *A blessing promised.* 14 *A curse threatened.*

a Exod. 20. 4. Deut. 5. 8. & 16. 22. & 27. 15. Psal. 97. 7.

‖ Or, *pillar.*

‖ Or, *figured stone.*

† Heb. *a stone of picture.*

YE shall make you [a] no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a ‖ standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* ‖ † image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

b Chap. 19. 30.

c Deuter. 28. 1.

2 [b] Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

3 ¶ [c] If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

d Amos 9. 13.

e Chap. 25. 19.

f Job 11. 18.

5 And [d] your thrashing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing-time: and [e] ye shall eat your bread to the full, and [f] dwell in your land safely.

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6 And I will give peace in the land, and [g] ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will † rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

g Job 11. 19. Isa. 35. 9. Ezekiel 34. 25.

† Heb. *cause to cease.*

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

h Deuter. 32. 30. Joshua 23. 10.

8 And [h] five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

i Ezekiel 37. 26.

11 [i] And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

k 2 Corinth. 6. 16.

12 [k] And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bond-men; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

l Deuter. 28. 15. Lam. 2. 17. Mal. 2. 2.

14 ¶ [l] But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

† Heb. *upon you.*

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint † over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and [m] ye shall sow your seed in vain; for your enemies shall eat it.

m Deuter. 28. 33. Job 31. 8. Jer. 5. 17. & 12. 13.

n Chap. 17. 10.

o Psalm 53. 5. Prov. 28. 1.

17 And [n] I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and [o] ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you [p] seven times more for your sins.

p 1 Sam. 2. 5. Psalm 119. 164. Prov. 24. 16.

19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass.

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

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21 And if ye walk || contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you, according to your sins.

|| Or, *at all adventures with me,* and so Verse 24.

22 [q] I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and [r] your *high*-ways shall be desolate.

q Deuter. 32. 24. Ezekiel 5. 17.

r Judges 5. 6. 2 Chron. 15. 5. Isa. 33. 8. Lam. 1. 4.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 [s] Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

s 2 Sam. 22. 27. Psalm 18. 26.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 [t] *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and [u] ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

t Isaiah 3. 1. Ezekiel 4. 16. & 5. 16. & 14. 13.

u Micah 6. 14. Haggai 1. 6.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 [x] And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

x Deuter. 28. 53. Ezekiel 5. 10. Baruch 2. 3.

30 And I will destroy your high places, and [y] cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

y 2 Chron. 34. 7. Isa. 27. 9. Ezekiel 6. 4, 5, 13.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and [z] bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

z Psalm 74. 7. Lam. 1. 10. Ezek. 9. 6. & 21. 7.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And [a] I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

a Deuter. 4. 27. & 28. 64.

34 [b] Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

b 2 Chron. 36. 21.

35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your [c] sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

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36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and [d] the sound of a † shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

d Prov. 28. 1.

† Heb. *driven.*

37 And [e] they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

e Isa. 10. 4.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you [f] shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

f Deuter. 4. 27. & 28. 65. Neh. 1. 9. Jerem. 3. 25. & 29. 12, 13. Ezekiel 4. 17. & 6. 9. & 20. 43. & 24. 23. & 33. 10. & 36. 31. Hos. 5. 15. Zech. 10. 9.

40 ¶ [g] If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

g Numb. 5. 7. 1 Kings 8. 33, 35, 47.

41 And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their [h] uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity;

h See Jer. 6. 10. & 9. 25, 26. Rom. 2. 29. Col. 2. 11.

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, [i] I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God.

i Deuter. 4. 31. Rom. 11. 2, 26.

45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.

46 These *are* the statutes, and judgments, and laws, [k] which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

k Chap. 27. 34.

CHAP. XXVII.

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1 *Concerning vows.* 28 *No devoted thing may be redeemed.* 30 *The tithe may not be changed.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons *shall be* for the LORD by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it *be* a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if *it be* from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if *it be* from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation *shall be* three shekels of silver.

7 And if *it be* from sixty years old and above, if *it be* a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if *it be* a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that *any man* giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.

11 And if *it be* any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: † as thou valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall it be.

† Heb. *according to thy estimation, O priest, &c.*

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.

14 ¶ And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

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16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: † an homer of barley-seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver.

‖ Or, the land of *an homer*, &c.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if *a man* sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his possession;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong*.

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: [a] twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

[a] Exod. 30. 13. Numb. 3. 47. Ezekiel 45. 12.

26 ¶ Only the † [b] firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be* ox or sheep: it *is* the LORD'S.

† Heb. *first-born*, &c.

[b] Exod. 13. 2, 12.

27 And if *it be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 ¶ [c] Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD, of all that he hath, *both*

[c] Josh. 6. 17.

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of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* most holy unto the LORD.

d Numb. 21. 2, 3.

29 [d] None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be put to death.

e Genes. 28. 22. Numb. 18. 21, 24. 2 Chron. 31. 5, 6, 12. Mal. 3. 8, 10.

30 ¶ And [e] all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD'S; *it is* holy unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever [f] passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

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f See Jer. 33. 13. Ezekiel 20. 37.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 [g] These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses, for the children of Israel, in mount Sinai.

g Chap. 26. 46.

The Fourth Book of MOSES, called NUMBERS.

CHAP. I.

1, 17 *The men of war numbered.* 47 *The Levites exempted.*

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AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

a Exod. 30. 12. & 38. 26.

2 [a] Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 ¶ And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: Of *the tribe of* Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

8 Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of [b] Deuel.

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b Chap. 2. 14. he is called *Reuel.*

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.

16 [c] These *were* the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

c 1 Chron. 27. 16.

17 ¶ And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by *their* names:

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month; and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 ¶ Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

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24 ¶ Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 ¶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 ¶ Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 ¶ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 ¶ Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

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37 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbered were [d] six hundred thousand, and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But [e] the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 [f] Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel;

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and

[d] Exod. 38. 26. See Exod. 12. 37. Chap. 26. 51.

[e] See Chap. 3. & 4. & 26. 57. 1 Chron. 6. & 21. 6.

[f] Chap. 26. 62.

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over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: [g] and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

g Chap. 3. 10, 38. & 18. 22.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

CHAP. II.

The order of the tribes in their tents.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: [†] far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

† Heb. *over against.*

3 ¶ And on the east side, toward the rising of the sun, shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch, throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand, and fourscore thousand, and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies: these shall first set forth.

10 ¶ On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

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11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of || Reuel.

|| Or, *Deuel*, Chap. 1. 14. & 7. 42, 47. & 10. 20.

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand, and fifty and one thousand, and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies: and they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 ¶ Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 ¶ On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thousand, and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies: and they shall go forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the

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children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him *shall be* the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred thousand, and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred: they shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 ¶ These *are* those which were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers: [a] all those that were numbered of the camps, throughout their hosts, *were* six hundred thousand, and three thousand, and five hundred and fifty.

a Exod. 38. 26. Chap. 1. 46.

33 But [b] the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

b Chap. 1. 47.

34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

3 *The Levites' service.* 40 *The first-born are freed by the Levites,* &c.

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THESE also *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day *that* the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

2 And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the [a] first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

a Exod. 6. 23.

3 These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, † whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office.

† Heb. *whose hand he filled.*

4 [b] And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

1490. b Levit. 10. 1. Chap. 26. 61. 1 Chron. 24. 2.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him.

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7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation, before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do [c] the service of the tabernacle.

c See Chap. 1. 50.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And [d] thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron, and to his sons: they *are* wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.

d Chap. 8. 19.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: [e] and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

e Verse 38. Chap. 1. 51. & 16. 40.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 And I, behold, I [f] have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the first-born that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

f Chap. 8. 16. & 18. 6.

13 Because [g] all the first-born *are* mine: [h] *for* on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I *am* the LORD.

g Exod. 13. 2. Levit. 27. 26. Chap. 8. 16. Luke 2. 23. h Exod. 13. 12, 15.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi, after the house of their fathers, by their families: [i] every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

i Chap. 26. 62.

16 And Moses numbered them, according to the † word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

† Heb. *mouth.*

17 [k] And these were the sons of Levi, by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

k Genes. 46. 11. Ex. 6. 16. Chap. 26. 57. 1 Chron. 6. 1. & 23. 6.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon, by their families; Libni and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath, by their families; [l] Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

l Exod. 6. 18.

20 And the sons of Merari, by their families; Mahli and Mushi: these *are* the families of the Levites, according to the house of their fathers.

21 ¶ Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites: these *are* the families of the Gershonites.

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22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them, *were* seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Gershonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael.

m Chap. 4. 24.

25 And [m] the charge of the sons of Gershon, in the tabernacle of the congregation, *shall be* [n] the tabernacle, and [o] the tent, [p] the covering thereof, and [q] the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

n Exod. 25. 9.
o Exod. 26. 1.
p Exod. 26. 7, 14.
q Exod. 26. 36.

26 And [r] the hangings of the court, and [s] the curtain for the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and [t] the cords of it, for all the service thereof.

r Exod. 27. 9.
s Exod. 27. 16.
t Exod. 35. 18.

27 ¶ [u] And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these *are* the families of the Kohathites.

u 1 Chron. 26. 23.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

x Chap. 4. 15.
y Exod. 25. 10.
z Exod. 25. 23.
a Exod. 25. 31.
b Exod. 27. 1. & 30. 1.
c Exod. 26. 32.

31 And [x] their charge *shall be* [y] the ark, and [z] the table, and [a] the candlestick, and [b] the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and [c] the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, *shall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these *are* the families of Merari.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

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36 And † [d] *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,

† Heb. *the office of the charge.*
d Chap. 4. 31.

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 ¶ But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, for the charge of the children of Israel: and [e] the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

e Verse 10.

39 [f] All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

f See Chap. 26. 62.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the first-born of the males of the children of Israel, from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me, (I *am* the LORD,) instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Israel.

43 And all the first-born males, by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I *am* the LORD.

46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the first-born of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites;

47 Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll; after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them:* ([g] the shekel *is* twenty gerahs:)

g Exod. 30. 13. Lev. 27. 25. Chap. 18. 16. Ezekiel 45. 12.

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48 And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron, and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the redemption-money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites.

50 Of the first-born of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The age and time of the Levites' service.* 17 *The office of the priests.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers;

a See Chap. 8. 24.

3 [a] From thirty years old and upward, even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath, in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things.

5 ¶ And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down [b] the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it;

b Exod. 26. 31.

6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in [c] the staves thereof.

c Exod. 25. 13.
d Exod. 25. 30.

7 And upon the [d] table of shew-bread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to ‖ cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon.

‖ Or, *pour out withal.*

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

e Exod. 25. 31.
f Exod. 25. 37, 38.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the [e] candlestick of the light, [f] and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuff-dishes, and all the oil-vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it.

10 And they shall put it, and all the vessels thereof, within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *it* upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof.

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12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar.

13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the ‖ basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it.

‖ Or, *bowls.*

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it:* [g] but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die.

g 2 Sam. 6. 6.

[h] These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

h Chap. 3. 31.

16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, *pertaineth* [i] the oil for the light, and the [k] sweet incense, and [l] the daily meat-offering, and the [m] anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

i Exod. 25. 6.
k Exod. 30. 34.
l Exod. 29. 40.
m Exod. 30. 25.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service, and to his burden.

20 [n] But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

n See Exod. 19. 21. 1 Sam. 6. 19.

21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families:

23 From thirty years old and upward, until fifty years old, shalt thou number them; all that enter in † to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. *to war the warfare.*

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24 This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for || burdens.

|| Or, *carriage.*

25 And [o] they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

o Chap. 3. 25.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.

† Heb. *mouth.*

27 At the † appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *shall be* under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 ¶ As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers:

30 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the † service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. *warfare.*

31 And [p] this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; [q] the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereo,

p Chap. 3. 36.

q Exod. 26. 15.

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 ¶ And Moses and Aaron, and the chief of the congregation, numbered the sons of the Kohathites, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

35 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

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36 And those that were numbered of them, by their families, were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These *were* they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers,

39 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;

40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41 These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 ¶ And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation;

44 Even those that were numbered of them, after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.

45 These *be* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron, and the chief of Israel, numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,

47 From thirty years old and upward, even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation;

48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.

Before CHRIST 1490.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. V.

5 Restitution to be made in trespasses.
11 The trial of jealousy.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every [a] leper, and every one that hath an [b] issue, and whosoever is defiled by the [c] dead:

3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, [d] When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;

7 [e] Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass [f] with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest, besides [g] the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

9 ¶ And every ‖ [h] offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.

10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be [i] his.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner;*

14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled; or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley-meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD.

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water.

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy-offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse.

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness ‖ † *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:

20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:

21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing; and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to † rot, and thy belly to swell:

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water;

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy-offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar.

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[a] Lev. 13. 3, 46. & Chap. 12. 14.
[b] Levit. 15. 2.
[c] Levit. 21. 1. Chap. 9. 6, 10, 11. & 19. 11. & 31. 19.
[d] Levit. 6. 2, 3.
[e] Levit. 26. 40. Josh. 7. 19.
[f] Levit. 6. 5.
[g] Levit. 6. 6. & 7. 7.
‖ Or, *heave-offering.*
[h] Exod. 29. 28. Levit. 6. 18, 26. & 7. 6, 14. Chap. 18. 8. Deut. 18. 3.
[i] Levit. 10. 13.

‖ Or, being *in the power of thy husband.*
† Heb. *under thy husband.*

† Heb. *fall,*

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26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that,* if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman [k] shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

[k] Deuter. 28. 37. Psalm 83. 9, 11. Jerem. 24. 9. & 29. 18, 22. & 42. 18. Zech. 8. 13.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The law of the Nazarites.* 22 *The form of blessing the people.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall ||separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD;

|| Or, *make themselves Nazarites.*

3 He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

4 All the days of his ||separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the †vine-tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

|| Or, *Nazariteship.*

† Heb. *vine of the wine.*

5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no [a] razor come upon his head; until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

[a] Judges 13. 5. [l] Sam. 1. 11.

6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD [b] he shall come at no dead body.

7 [c] He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because the †consecration of his God *is* upon his head.

[b] Levit. 21. 11. Chap. 19. 11.

[c] Levit. 21. 1.

† Heb. *separation.*

8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.

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9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head [d] in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

[d] Acts 18. 18.

10 And [e] on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

[e] Levit. 5. 7. & 14. 22. & 15. 14, 29.

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year [f] for a trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall †be lost, because his separation was defiled.

[f] Levit. 5. 6.

† Heb. *fall.*

13 ¶ And this *is* the law of the Nazarite; When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish [g] for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish [h] for peace-offerings,

[g] Levit. 4. 2, 27, 32. [h] Levit. 3. 6.

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, [i] cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread [k] anointed with oil, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings.

[i] Levit. 2. 4. [k] Exod. 29. 2.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

18 [l] And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

[l] Acts 21. 24.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven.

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20 And the priest shall wave them [m] *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

[m] Exod. 29. 27, 28.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, saying, On this wise [n] ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

[n] Levit. 9. 22.

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee;

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

[o] Psalm 4. 6.

26 [o] The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

CHAP. VII.

2, 10 *The princes' offerings.* 89 *God speaketh to Moses.*

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully [a] set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar, and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them,

[a] Exod. 40. 18. Levit. 8. 10.

2 That [b] the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, (who *were* the princes of the tribes, † and were over them that were numbered,) offered.

[b] Chap. 1. 4, &c.

† Heb. *who stood.*

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered waggons, and twelve oxen; a waggon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the waggons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

[c] Chap. 4. 25.

7 Two waggons and four oxen [c] he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service:

8 [d] And four waggons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, [e] under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

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[d] Chap. 4. 31.

[e] Chap. 4. 28, 33.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none; because [f] the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them [g] *was, that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

[f] Chap. 4. 15.

[g] Chap. 4. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14. 2 Sam. 6. 6, 13.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for [h] dedicating of the altar, in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

[h] See Deut. 20. 5. 1 Kings 8. 63. Ezra 6. 16. Nehem. 12. 27. Psalm 30. title.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after [i] the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a [k] meat-offering:

[i] Exod. 30. 13.

[k] Levit. 2. 1.

14 One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense:

15 [l] One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

[l] Levit. 1. 2.

16 One kid of the goats for a [m] sin-offering:

[m] Levit. 4. 23.

17 And for [n] a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

[n] Levit. 3. 1.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer.

19 He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

Before CHRIST 1490.

24 ¶ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, *did offer*.

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer*.

31 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 ¶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer*.

37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

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42 ¶ On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered*.

43 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 ¶ On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered*.

49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

53 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 ¶ On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh.

55 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five

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he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 ¶ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered.*

61 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

62 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

65 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered.*

67 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

71 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered.*

73 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

74 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

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78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered.*

79 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meat-offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar (in the day when it was anointed) by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold;

85 Each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels.*

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering; and the kids of the goats for sin-offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen, for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings, *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 ¶ And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with ‖ Him, then he heard [o] the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that *was* upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and He spake unto him.

‖ That is, *God.*

[o] Exod. 25. 22.

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1 *How the lamps are to be lighted.*
5 *The consecration of the Levites:*
23 *their age and time of service.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou [a]lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

[a] Exod. 25. 37, & 40. 25.

3 And Aaron did so: he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick; as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 [b]And this work of the candlestick *was of* beaten gold; unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* [c]beaten work: [d]according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

[b] Exod. 25. 31.

[c] Exod. 25. 18.

[d] Exod. 25. 40.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle [e]water of purifying upon them, and † let them [f]shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and *so* make themselves clean.

[e] Chap. 19. 9, 17, 18.

† Heb. *let them cause a razor to pass over,* &c.

[f] Levit. 14. 8, 9.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with [g]his meat-offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering.

[g] Levit. 2. 1.

9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:

† Heb. *wave.*

11 And Aaron shall † offer the Levites before the LORD *for* an † offering of the children of Israel, that † they may execute the service of the LORD.

† Heb. *wave-offering.*

† Heb. *they may be to execute,* &c.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be [h]mine.

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15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for* an offering.

[h] Chap. 3. 45.

16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; [i]instead of such as open every womb, *even instead of* the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

[i] Chap. 3. 12, 45.

17 [k]For all the first-born of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

[k] Exod. 13. 2, 12, 15. Chap. 3. 13. Luke 2. 23.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel.

19 And [l]I have given the Levites *as* † a gift to Aaron, and to his sons, from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel; [m]that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

[l] Chap. 3. 9.

† Heb. *given.*

[m] Chap. 16. 46. 2 Chron. 26. 16.

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: [n]as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

[n] Verse 5, &c.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites; From twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in † to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

† Heb. *to war the warfare of,* &c.

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall † cease waiting upon the service *thereof,* and shall serve no more;

† Heb. *return from the warfare of the service.*

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

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1 *The passover enjoined.* 15 *A cloud guideth the Israelites.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Let the children of Israel also keep [a] the passover at his appointed season.

[a] Exod. 12. 1, &c. Lev. 23. 5. Chap. 28. 16. Deut. 16. 2.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, † at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

† Heb. *between the two evenings.*

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And there were certain men, who were [b] defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day.

[b] Chap. 5. 2. & 19. 11.

7 And those men said unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you, or of your posterity, shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or *be* in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

11 [c] The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*.

[c] 2 Chron. 30. 2, 15.

12 [d] They shall leave none of it unto the morning, [e] nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

[d] Exod. 12. 10.
[e] Exod. 12. 46. John 19. 36.

13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from his people; because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: [f] ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

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[f] Exod. 12. 49.

15 ¶ And [g] on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and [h] at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

[g] Exod. 40. 34.
[h] Exod. 15. 21. & 40. 38.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: [i] as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

[i] 1 Corinth. 10. 1.

19 And when the cloud † tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

† Heb. *prolonged.*

20 And *so* it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And *so* it was, when the cloud † abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

† Heb. *was.*

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel [k] abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

[k] Exod. 40. 36, 37.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in their tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

1 *The use of the trumpets.* 33 *Moses' blessing at the removing of the ark.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make

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them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

a Joel 2. 15.

3 And when [a] they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet*, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

b 1 Chron. 15. 24. 2 Chron. 13. 12. 1 Mac. 16. 8.

8 [b] And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets: and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

c Chap. 31. 6. Josh. 6. 5. 2 Chron. 13. 14.

9 And [c] if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

d Chap. 29. 1. Lev. 23. 24. 1 Chron. 15. 24. 2 Chron. 5. 12 & 7. 6. & 29. 26. Ezra 3. 10. Nehem. 12. 35. Psal. 81. 3.

10 Also [d] in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took

e Exod. 40. 36. Chap. 2. 9, 16, 24, 31.

[e] their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

f Chap. 2. 3.

14 ¶ [f] In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah, according to their armies: and over his host *was*

g Chap. 1. 7.

[g] Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab the son of Helon.

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17 And [h] the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, [i] bearing the tabernacle.

h Chap. 1. 51.

i Chap. 4. 24, 31.

18 ¶ And [k] the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward, according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

k Chap. 2. 10.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the [l] sanctuary; and || *the other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.

l Chap. 4. 4. & 7. 9.

|| That is, *the Gershonites and the Merarites*: See Ver. 17.

22 ¶ And [m] the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward, according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

m Chap. 2. 18.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And [n] the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rere-ward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

n Chap. 2. 25. Josh. 6. 9.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of Enan.

28 † Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they set forward.

† Heb. *These.*

29 ¶ And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and [o] we will do thee good; for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

o Judges 1. 16.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

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32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

p See Exod. 3. 1.

33 ¶ And they departed from [p] the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, [q] to search out a resting-place for them.

q Deuter. 1. 33. Jer. 31. 2. Ezek. 20. 6.

34 And [r] the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

r Exod. 13. 21.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, [s] Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

s Psalm 68. 1, 2. & 132. 8.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the † many thousands of Israel.

† Heb. *ten thousand thousands.*

CHAP. XI.

4 *Manna loathed.* 16 *The seventy elders.* 31 *Quails given in wrath.*

AND [a] *when* the people ‖ complained, † it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard *it;* and [b] his anger was kindled: and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.

a Deuter. 9. 22.

‖ Or, *were as it were complainers.*

† Heb. *it was evil in the ears of,* &c.

b Psalm 78. 21. & 106. 18.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire † was quenched.

† Heb. *sunk.*

3 And he called the name of the place ‖ Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

‖ That is, *A burning.*

4 ¶ And the [c] mixed multitude that *was* among them † fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also † wept again, and said, [d] Who shall give us flesh to eat?

c As Exod. 12. 38.

† Heb. *lusted a lust.*

† Heb. *returned and wept.*

d Psalm 78. 18. & 106. 14. 1 Cor. 10. 6.

5 [e] We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

e Exod. 16. 3.

6 But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, besides this manna, *before* our eyes.

7 And [f] the manna *was* as coriander-seed, and the † colour thereof as the colour of [g] bdellium.

f Exod. 16. 14, 31.

† Heb. *eye of it as the eye of.*

g Gen. 2. 12.

8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it,* and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 ¶ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and [h] the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

h Psalm 78. 21.

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11 [i] And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

i Deuter. 1. 12.

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom (as a nursing-father beareth the sucking child) unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 [k] I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy for me.

k Exod. 18. 18.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, [l] kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

l See 1 Kings 19. 4. Jonah 4. 3.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me [m] seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

m See Exod. 24. 1, 9.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and [n] I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

n Nehem. 9. 20.

18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: (for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt:) therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 [o] *But* even a † whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, saying, [p] Why came we forth out of Egypt?

o Psalm 78. 29. & 106. 15.

† Heb. *month of days.*

p Chap. 21. 5.

21 ¶ And Moses said, [q] The people, among whom I *am, are* six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.

q Exod. 12. 37. & 38. 26. Chap. 1. 46.

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22 [r] Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, [s] Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 ¶ And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, [t] when the spirit rested upon them, [u] they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them, (and they *were* of them that were written, but [x] went not out unto the tabernacle,) and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, [y] My lord Moses, forbid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? [z] Would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 ¶ And there went forth a [a] wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, † as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high*, upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people stood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers; and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

33 And while the [b] flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people; and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place || Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

35 [c] *And* the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and † abode at Hazeroth.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Miriam's and Aaron's sedition rebuked.* 10 *Miriam's leprosy.*

AND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses, because of the || Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for [a] he had † married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? [b] hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*.

3 (Now the man Moses *was* [c] very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he said, Hear now my words; If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him [d] in a vision, *and* will speak unto him [e] in a dream.

7 My servant Moses *is* not so, [f] who *is* faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak [g] mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed.

10 ¶ And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, [h] behold, Miriam *became* [i] leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, *she was* leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

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|| That is, *The graves of lust.*

† Heb. *they were in, &c.*

|| Or, *Cushite.*

† Heb. *taken.*

[r] See John 6. 7.

[s] Isaiah 50. 2. & 59. 1.

[t] See 2 Kings 2. 15.

[u] See 1 Sam. 10. 5, 10.

[x] See 1 Sam. 20. 26. Jer. 36. 5.

[y] See Luke 9. 49. John 3. 26.

[z] 1 Corinth. 14. 5.

[a] Exod. 16. 13. Psalm 78. 26. & 105. 40.

† Heb. *as it were the way of a day.*

[b] Psalm 78. 30, 31.

[a] Exod. 2. 21.

[b] Exod. 15. 20. Micah 6. 4.

[c] Ecclus. 45. 4.

[d] Genes. 15. 1. & 46. 2. Job 33. 15. Ezek. 1. 1. Daniel 8. 2. & 10. 8.

[e] Genes. 31. 10, 11. 1 Kings 3. 5.

[f] Hebr. 3. 2.

[g] Exod. 33. 11. Deuter. 34. 10.

[h] Deuter. 24. 9.

[i] 2 Kings 5. 27.

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14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [k] If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be [l] shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.

15 [m] And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*.

16 And afterward the people removed from [n] Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

k See Hebr. 12. 9.
l Levit. 13. 46. Chap. 5. 2.
m Deuter. 24. 9.
n Chap. 11. 35. & 33. 18.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The names,* 17 *instructions,* 21 *and acts of the spies:* 26 *their relation.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses, by the commandment of the LORD, sent them [b] from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel.

4 And these *were* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.

6 [c] Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely,* of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea, the son of Nun, Jehoshua.

17 ¶ And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the mountain;

18 And see the land, what it *is;* and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;

a Chap. 32. 8. Deut. 1. 22.
b Chap. 32. 8. Deut. 1. 19. & 9. 23.
c 1 Chron. 4. 15.

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19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land *is,* whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not: and be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. (Now the time *was* the time of the first-ripe grapes.)

21 ¶ So they went up and searched the land, from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron, where [d] Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, *were.* ([e] Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 [f] And they came unto the ||brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the ||brook ||Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to [g] Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with [h] milk and honey; [i] and this *is* the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless, [k] the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and [l] the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and, moreover, we saw the children of Anak there.

29 [m] The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south; and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And [n] Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up

d Josh. 11. 21, 22. & 15. 13. Judg. 1. 10.
e Joshua 21. 11.
f Deuter. 1. 24.
|| Or, *valley.*
|| That is, *A cluster of grapes.*
g Chap. 20. 1, 16. & 32. 8. & 33. 36. Deut. 1. 19. Josh. 14. 6.
h Exod. 3. 8. & 33. 3.
i Deuter. 1. 25.
k Deuter. 2. 10, 21.
l Deuter. 1. 28.
m Judges 6. 3.
n See Chap. 14. 6, 24.

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against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and [o] all the people that we saw in it *are* † men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, [p] the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grashoppers, and so we were in their sight.

o Amos 2. 9.
† Heb. *men of stature.*
p Deuter. 2. 10. & 9. 2.

CHAP. XIV.

The people, murmuring at the report of the spies, are reproved.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or,

a See Verse 28, 29.

[a] would God we had died in this wilderness!

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another,

b See Deut. 17. 16.

Let us make a captain, and [b] let us return into Egypt.

c Chap. 16. 4.

5 Then [c] Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes.

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying,

d Chap. 13. 27.

[d] The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD,

e Deuter. 20. 3.
† Heb. *shadow.*

[e] neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their † defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us; fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And

f Exod. 24. 16, 17. & 40, 34. Lev. 9. 23. Chap. 16. 19, 42. & 20. 6.

[f] the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

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12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and

g Exod. 32. 10.

[g] will make of thee a greater nation, and mightier than they.

13 ¶ And

h Exod. 32. 12. Deuter. 32. 27.

[h] Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them,)

14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: [i] *for* they have

i Exod. 15. 14. Joshua 2. 9. & 5. 1.

heard that thou, LORD, *art* among this people; that thou, LORD, art seen face to face; and *that*

k Exod. 13. 21. & 40. 38.

[k] thy cloud standeth over them; and *that* thou goest before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now, *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations, which have heard the fame of thee, will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not

l Deuter. 9. 28.

[l] able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my LORD be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD *is*

m Exod. 34. 6. Psalms 103. 8. & 145. 8. Jonah 4. 2.

[m] long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty;*

n Exod. 20. 5. & 34. 7.

[n] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation.*

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people from Egypt even

‖ Or, *hitherto.*

‖ until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned, according to thy word:

21 But *as* truly *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

o Deuter. 1. 35. Psalms 95. 11. & 106. 26. Hebr. 3. 17.

22 [o] Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and in the wilderness, have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

p Chap. 32. 11.
† Heb. *If they see the land.*

23 [p] † Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

q Joshua 14. 6, 8, 9, 14.

24 But my servant [q] Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and

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r hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

r Chap. 32. 12.

25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To-morrow turn you, s and get you into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea.

s Deuter. 1. 40.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.

t Chap. 26. 65. & 32. 11. Deut. 1. 35. Hebr. 3. 17.

28 Say unto them, t*As truly as* I live, saith the LORD, u as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

u See Ver. 2.

29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

† Heb. *lifted up my hand.*

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land *concerning* which I † sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But *as for* you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.

‖ Or, *feed.*

33 And your children shall ‖ wander in the wilderness x forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

x See Deut. 2. 14.

y Chap. 13. 25.

34 y After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* z forty days, (each day for a year,) shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years; and ye shall know ‖ my breach of promise.

z Psalm 95. 10. Ezekiel 4. 6.

‖ Or, *altering of my purpose.*

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 ¶ And the men which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those men, that did bring up the evil report upon the land, a died by the plague before the LORD.

a 1 Corinth. 10. 10. Hebr. 3. 17. Jude 5.

38 b But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still.*

b Chap. 26. 65.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

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40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we c *be here,* and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

c Deuter. 1. 41.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress d the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

d Verse 25.

42 e Go not up, for the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

e Deuter. 1. 42.

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill-top: nevertheless, the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and f discomfited them, *even* unto g Hormah.

f Deuter. 1. 44.

g Chap. 21. 3. Judg. 1. 17.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The law of sundry offerings.* 32 *The sabbath-breaker stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 a Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

a Levit. 23. 10.

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice b in † performing a vow, or in a free-will-offering, or c in your solemn feasts, to make a d sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock;

b Levit. 7. 16. & 22. 18, 21.

† Heb. *separating.*

c Levit. 23. 8, 12, 36. Chap. 28. 19, 27. & 29. 2, 8, 13.

d Deuter. 16. 10.

4 Then e shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring f a meat-offering of a tenth-deal of flour, mingled g with the fourth *part* of an hin of oil.

d Exod. 29. 18.

e Levit. 2. 1. & 6. 14.

5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

f Exod. 29. 40. Lev. 23. 13.

g Levit. 14. 10.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare *for* a meat-offering two tenth-deals of flour, mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oil.

7 And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

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8 And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt-offering, or *for* a sacrifice in performing a vow, or [h] peace-offerings, unto the LORD;

h Levit. 7. 11.

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour, mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire, [i] of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

i Ecclus. 50. 15.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one, according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 ¶ And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

k Exod. 12. 49. Chap. 9. 14.

15 [k] One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law, and one manner, shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough, *for* an heave-offering: as *ye do* [l] the heave-offering of the thrashing-floor, so shall ye heave it.

l Levit. 2. 14. & 23. 10, 16.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave-offering in your generations.

m Levit. 4. 2.

22 ¶ And [m] if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses*, and henceforward among your generations;

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24 Then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance, † without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the || manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering.

† Heb. *from the eyes.*

|| Or, *ordinance.*

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin-offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 ¶ And [n] if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering.

n Levit. 4. 27.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 Ye shall have one law for him that † sinneth through ignorance, *both for* him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

† Heb. *doth.*

30 ¶ [o] But the soul that doeth *ought* † presumptuously, (*whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger,) the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

o Deuter. 17. 12. † Heb. *with an high hand.*

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him.

32 ¶ And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, [p] they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath-day.

p Exod. 53. 2, 3.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him [q] in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

q Levit. 24. 12.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, [r] The man shall be surely put to

r Exod. 31. 14.

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death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid [s] them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

s Deuter. 22. 12. Mat. 23. 5.

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye [t] seek not after your own heart, and your own eyes, after which ye use [u] to go a whoring:

t See Deut. 29. 19. Job 31. 7. Ezek. 6. 9.

u Psalm 73. 27. James 4. 4.

40 That ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The rebellion of Korah,* &c. 31 *their punishment.*

NOW [a] Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi; and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men:*

a Chap. 26. 9. & 27. 3. Ecclus. 45. 18. Jude 11.

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, [b] famous in the congregation, men of renown.

b Chap. 26. 9.

3 And [c] they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, †*Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

c Psalm 106. 16.

† Heb. It is *much for you.*

4 And when Moses heard *it,* [d] he fell upon his face:

d Chap. 14. 5. & 20. 6.

5 And he spake unto Korah, and unto all his company, saying, Even to-morrow the LORD will shew who *are* his, and *who is* holy; and will cause *him* to come near unto him: even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do: Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to-morrow: and it shall be, *that* the man whom the LORD doth choose, he *shall be* holy. *Ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

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8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi;

9 *Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

10 And he hath brought thee near *to him,* and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee; and seek ye the priesthood also?

11 For which cause, *both* thou and all thy company *are* gathered together against the LORD: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; which said, We will not come up:

13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover, thou hast not brought us into [e] a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou † put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

e Exod. 3. 8. Lev. 20. 24.

† Heb. *bore out.*

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, [f] Respect not thou their offering: [g] I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

f Genes. 4. 4, 5.

g 1 Sam. 12. 3. Acts 20. 33. 2 Cor. 7. 2.

16 ¶ And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow:

17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each *of you* his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

19 And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and [h] the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

h Exod. 16. 7, 10. Lev. 9. 6, 23. Chap. 14. 10.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

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21 [l]Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, [k] the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, [l] Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; (for *I have* not *done them* of mine own mind;)

29 If these men die † the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men, *then* the LORD hath not sent me:

30 But if the LORD † make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 ¶ [m] And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and [n] all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

33 They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

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36 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for [o] they are hallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates *for* a covering of the altar; for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: [p] and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered, and they were made broad *plates for* a covering of the altar;

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, [q] that no stranger, which *is* not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD, that he be not as Korah, and as his company; as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 ¶ But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And [r] they fell upon their faces.

46 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: [s] for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

[i] See Genes. 19. 17, 22. Jer. 51. 6. Revel. 18. 4.

[k] Chap. 27. 16. Job 12. 10. Eccles. 12. 7. Isa. 57. 16. Zech. 12. 1. Hebr. 12. 9.

[l] Isa. 52. 11. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Rev. 18. 4.

† Heb. *as every man dieth.*

† Heb. *create a creature.*

[m] Chap. 26. 10. & 27. 3. Deut. 11. 6. Psalm 106. 17.

[n] See Verse 17. & Chap. 26. 11. 1 Chron. 6. 22, 37.

[o] See Levit. 27. 28.

[p] Chap. 26. 10.

[q] Chap. 3. 10.

[r] Chap. 20. 6.

[s] chap. 8. 19.

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49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Aaron's rod budding,* 10 *is left for a monument against the rebels.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod, according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes, according to the house of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, [a] where I will meet with you.

a Exod. 25. 22.

5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod [b] whom I shall choose shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

b Chap. 16. 5.

6 ¶ And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him † a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.

† Heb. *a rod for one prince, a rod for one prince.*

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron, for the house of Levi, was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring [c] Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the † rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

c Hebr. 9. 4.

† Heb. *children of rebellion.*

11 And Moses did *so:* as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

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13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The charge of the priests and Levites.* 8 *The priests',* 21 *and the Levites' portion.* 25 *Of the heave-offering.*

AND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou, and thy sons, and thy father's house with thee, shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be [a] joined unto thee, and [b] minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

a See Genes. 29. 34.

b Chap. 3. 6, 7.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and [c] the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they nor ye also die.

c Chap. 3. 25, 31, 36.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: [d] and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

d Chap. 3. 10.

5 And ye shall keep [e] the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: [f] that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

e Exod. 27. 21. &. 30. 7. Levit. 24. 3. Chap. 8. 2.

f Chap. 16. 46.

6 And I, behold, I have [g] taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; [h] to you *they are* given *as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

g Chap. 3. 12, 45.

h Chap. 3. 9.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you as* a service of gift; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, [i] I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them [k] by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

i Lev. 6. 16, 18, 26. & 7. 6, 32. Chap. 5. 9.

k Exod. 29. 29.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every [l] meat-offering of theirs, and every [m] sin-

l Levit. 2. 2, 3.

m Levit. 4. 22, 27. & 6. 25.

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offering of theirs, and every [n] trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee, and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; [o] every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this *is* thine; [p] the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto [q] thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever; [r] every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 [s] All the † best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, [t] the first-fruits of them, which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, [u] which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine: every one that is clean in thine house shall eat *of* it.

14 [x] Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth [y] the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless [z] the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed, from a month old shalt thou redeem, [a] according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, [b] which *is* twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the [c] wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: [d] it *is* a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee, and to thy seed with thee.

20 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: [e] I *am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 ¶ And, behold, [f] I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 [g] Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, † and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity. *It shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as* an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, [h] Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you as though *it were* the corn of the thrashing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD of all your tithes which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave-offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of all the † best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof, out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the thrashing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it *is* [i] your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

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n Levit. 5. 1. & 7. 7. & 10. 12. & 14. 13.
o Levit. 6. 29. & 7. 6.
p Exod. 29. 27. Lev. 7. 30.
q Levit. 10. 14. Deut. 18. 3.
r Levit. 22. 2.
s Exod. 23. 19. Deut. 18. 4.
† Heb. *fat.*
t Exod. 22. 29.
u Exod. 22. 29. & 23. 19. & 34. 26. Levit. 2. 14. Chap. 15. 19. Deut. 26. 2.
x Levit. 27. 28.
y Exod. 13. 2. & 22. 29. Lev. 27. 26. Chap. 3. 13.
z Exod. 13. 13. & 34. 20.
a Levit. 27. 2.
b Exod. 30. 13. Lev. 27. 25. Chap. 3. 47. Ezekiel 45. 12.
c Exod. 29. 26, 28.
d Levit. 2. 13. 2 Chron. 13. 5.
e Deuter. 10. 9. & 12. 12. & 18. 1, 2. Joshua 13. 14, 33. Ezekiel 44. 28.
f Levit. 27. 30.
g Chap. 1. 51.
† Heb. *to die.*
h Deuter. 10. 9. & 14. 27, 29. & 18. 1.
† Heb. *fat.*
i 1 Tim. 5. 18.

CHAP. XIX.

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1 *The water of separation:* 11 *the use of it for purification of the unclean.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein *is* no blemish, [a] *and* upon which never came yoke.

a 1 Sam. 6. 7.

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her [b] forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face.

b Hebr. 13. 11.

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and [c] sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times.

c Hebr. 9. 13.

5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight: [d] her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn.

d Exod. 29. 14. Levit. 4. 11, 12.

6 And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 [e] Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

e Levit. 11. 25. & 15. 5.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up [f] the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin.

f Hebr. 9. 13.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 ¶ [g] He that toucheth the dead body of any † man shall be unclean seven days.

g Levit. 21. 1. Chap. 5. 2. & 31. 19. Lam. 4. 14. Hag. 2. 13.

† Heb. *soul of man.*

12 [h] He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

h Chap. 31. 19.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, [i] defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

i Levit. 15. 31.

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14 This *is* the law, when a man dieth in a tent; All that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every [k] open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.

k Chap. 31. 20.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the † ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and † running water shall be put thereto in a vessel;

† Heb. *duel.*

† Heb. *living waters shall be given.*

18 And a clean person shall take [l] hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

l Psalm 51. 7.

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he *is* unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Miriam's death.* 7 *Moses bringeth water out of the rock.* 22 *Aaron's death.*

THEN [a] came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin, in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

1453. a Chap. 33. 36.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered

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themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

3 And the people [b] chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died [c] when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And [d] why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it *is* no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither *is* there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and [e] they fell upon their faces; and [f] the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 [g] Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and [h] thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, [i] Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and [k] the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because [l] ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 [m] This *is* the water of || Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, [n] Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travel that hath † befallen us;

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us and our fathers.

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16 And [o] when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and [p] sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt; and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border.

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells; we will go by the king's *high*-way, we will not turn to the right hand, nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high-way; and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, [q] then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else*, go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom [r] refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel [s] turned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from [t] Kadesh, [u] and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my † word at the water of Meribah.

25 [x] Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor;

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 [y] And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and [z] Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they

b Exod. 17. 2.
c Chap. 11. 1, 33. & 14. 37. & 16. 32, 35, 49.
d Exod. 17. 3.
e Chap. 14. 5. & 16. 4.
f Chap. 14. 10.
g Exod. 17. 5.
h Nehem. 9. 15. Psalm 78. 15, 16. & 105. 41. & 114. 8. Isa. 43. 20. & 48. 21.
i Psalm 106. 33.
k Exod. 17. 6. 1 Cor. 10. 4.
l Chap. 27. 14. Deut. 1. 37. & 3. 26. & 32. 51.
m Deuter. 33. 8. Psalm 95. 8. & 106. 32. &c.
|| That is, *Strife*: See Exod. 17. 7.
n Deuter. 2. 4, &c. & 23. 7. Obad. 10, 12.
† Heb. *found us*.
o Exod. 2. 23. & 3. 7.
p Exod. 14. 19. & 23. 20.
q Deuter. 2. 6, 28.
r See Deut. 2. 29.
s Deuter. 2. 4, 5. Judg. 11. 18.
t Chap. 33. 37.
u Chap. 21. 4.
† Heb. *mouth*.
x Chap. 33. 38. Deut. 32. 50.
y Exod. 29. 29, 30.
z Deuter 10. 6. & 32. 50.

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mourned for Aaron [a] thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

CHAP. XXI.

4 *The people plagued with fiery serpents,* 7 *repenting, they are healed by a brasen serpent.* 21 *Sihon overcome.*

AND *when* [a] king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies, then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place || Hormah.

4 ¶ And [b] they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much ||†discouraged because of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and [c] our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And [d] the LORD sent [e] fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned; for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee: [f] pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And [g] Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel set forward, and [h] pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and [i] pitched at || Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the sun-rising.

12 [k] From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for [l] Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

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14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, || What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

15 And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, [m] and † lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence *they went* [n] to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song, †Spring up, O well; ||sing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by *the direction of* the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah;

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth;

20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley, that *is* in the † country of Moab, to the top of || Pisgah, which looketh [o] toward || Jeshimon.

21 ¶ And [p] Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,

22 [q] Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink *of* the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's *high*-way, until we be past thy borders.

23 [r] And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and [s] he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

24 And [t] Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong.

25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the † villages thereof.

26 For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

28 For there is [u] a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of

a So Deuter. 34. 8.

a Chap. 33. 40. See Judges 1. 16.

|| That is, *Utter destruction.*

b Chap. 20. 22. & 33. 41.

|| Or, *grieved.*
† Heb. *shortened.*

c Chap. 11. 6.

d Wisdom 16. 1, 5. 1 Cor. 10. 9.

e Deuter. 8. 15.

f Exod. 8. 8, 28. 1 Kings 13. 6. Acts 8. 24.

g 2 Kings 18. 4. John 3. 14.

h Chap. 33. 43.

i Chap. 33. 44.

|| Or, *Heaps of Abarim.*

k Deuter. 2. 13.

l Jud. 11. 18.

|| Or, *Vaheb in Suphah.*

m Deuter. 2. 18.

† Heb. *leaneth.*

n Jud. 9. 21.

† Heb. *Ascend.*

|| Or, *answer.*

† Heb. *field.*

|| Or, *The hill.*

o Chap. 23. 28.

|| Or, *The wilderness.*

p Deuter. 2. 26, 27. Judg. 11. 19.

q Chap. 20. 17.

r Deuter. 29. 7.

s Jud. 11. 20.

t Deuter. 2. 33. & 29. 7. Josh. 12. 2. & 24. 8. Neh. 9. 22. Psalm 135. 10, 11. & 136. 19. Amos 2. 9.

† Heb. *daughters.*

u Jer. 48. 45, 46.

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Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, *and* the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of [x] Chemosh! he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

[x] Judges 11. 24. 1 Kings 11. 7, 33. 2 Kings 23. 13.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even [y] unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

[y] Jer. 48. 18, 22.

31 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there.

33 ¶ [z] And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle [a] at Edrei.

[z] Deuter. 3. 1. & 29. 7.

[a] Joshua 13. 12.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and [b] thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

[b] Psalm 135. 10, 11. & 136. 20.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Balak's first message for Balaam is refused:* 15 *his second message obtaineth him:* 22 *an angel would have slain him, if his ass had not saved him.* 36 *Balak entertaineth him.*

AND [a] the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab, on this side Jordan *by* Jericho.

[a] Chap. 33. 48.

2 ¶ And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And [b] Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they *were* many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

[b] Exod. 15. 15.

4 And Moab said unto [c] the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all *that are* round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at that time.

[c] Chap. 31. 8. Josh. 13. 21.

5 [d] He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor, to [e] Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the † face of the earth, and they abide over against me.

[d] Deuter. 23. 4. Josh. 13. 22. & 24. 9. Neh. 13. 1, 2. Micah 6. 5. 2 Pet. 2. 15. Jude 11. Revel. 2. 14.

[e] See Chap. 23. 7. Deut. 23. 4.

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† Heb. *eye.*

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, [f] curse me this people; for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

[f] Chap. 23. 7.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me. And the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men *are* these with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*,

11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure †I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

† Heb. *I shall prevail in fighting against him.*

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, †Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me;

† Heb. *Be not thou letted from,* &c.

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, [g] If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, [h] I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

[g] Chap. 24. 13.

[h] 1 Kings 22. 14. 2 Chron. 18. 13.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may

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know what the LORD will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but [i] yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

[i] Verse 35. Chap. 25. 12, 26.

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ¶ And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. (Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.)

[k] See 2 Kings 6. 17. Dan. 10. 7. Acts 22. 9. 2 Pet. 2. 16. Jude 11.

23 And [k] the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass; and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

[l] 2 Peter 2. 16.
† Heb. *who hast ridden upon me.*
‖ Or, *ever since thou wast, &c.*

30 [l] And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, † upon which thou hast ridden ‖ ever since *I was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

[m] See Gen. 21. 19. 2 Kings 6. 17. Luke 24. 16, 31.

31 Then the LORD [m] opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and ‖ fell flat on his face.

‖ Or, *bowed himself.*

† Heb. *to be an adversary unto thee.*

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out † to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

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34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it † displease thee, I will get me back again.

† Heb. *be evil in thine eyes.*

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is* in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto ‖ Kirjath-huzoth.

‖ Or, *A city of streets.*

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

1, 14, 28 *Balak's sacrifices.* 7, 18 *Balaam's parables.*

AND Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go; peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And ‖ he went to an high place.

‖ Or, *he went solitary.*

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

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6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt-sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, [a]Come, curse me Jacob; and come, defy Israel.

a Chap. 22. 6, 11, 17.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, [b]the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

b Deuter. 33. 28.

10 [c]Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let † me die [d]the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

c Genes. 13. 16.

† Heb. *my soul*, or, *my life.*

d Psalm 116. 15.

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all; and curse me them from thence.

14 ¶ And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of ||Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

|| Or, *The hill.*

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *the LORD* yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and [e]put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

e Chap. 22. 35.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 [f]God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it?* or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

f 1 Sam. 15. 29. Mal. 3. 6. Romans 11. 29. James 1. 17. Titus 1. 2.

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* with him, [g]and the shout of a king *is* among them.

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g Psalm 89. 15.

22 [h]God brought them out of Egypt: he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

h Chap. 24. 8. Deuter. 33. 17.

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment || against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

|| Or, *in.*

24 Behold, the people shall rise up [i]as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; [k]he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

i Genes. 49. 9.

k Genes. 49. 27.

25 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, [l]All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

l 1 Kings 22. 14.

27 ¶ And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh [m]toward Jeshimon.

m Chap. 21. 20.

29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Balaam prophesieth Israel's happiness.* 15 *Of the Star of Jacob,* &c.

AND when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at [a]other times, † to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

a Chap. 23. 3, 15.

† Heb. *to the meeting of enchantments.*

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

3 [b]And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man † whose eyes are open hath said;

b Chap. 23. 7, 18.

† Heb. *who had his eyes shut, but now opened.*

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, [c]falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

c See 1 Sam. 19. 24. Ezek. 1. 28. Dan. 8. 18. & 10. 16. Revel. 1. 17.

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob! *and* thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the

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trees of lign-aloes, [d] which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar-trees beside the waters.

[d] Psalm 104. 16.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters; and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

[e] Chap. 23. 22.

8 [e] God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

[f] Gen. 49. 9.

9 [f] He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? [g] Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

[g] Genes. 12. 3. & 27. 29.

10 ¶ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he [h] smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

[h] Ezekiel 21. 14, 17. & 22. 13.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers, which thou sentest unto me, saying,

[i] Chap. 22. 18.

13 [i] If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore, and* [k] I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people [l] in the latter days.

[k] Micah 6. 5. Revel. 2. 14.

[l] Gen. 49. 1.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said;

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come [m] a Star out of Jacob, and [n] a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall ‖ smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

[m] Mat. 2. 2. Rev. 22. 16.

[n] Psalm 110. 2.

‖ Or, *smite through the princes of Moab,* 2 Sam. 8. 2.

18 And [o] Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

[o] 2 Sam. 8. 14. Psalm 60. 8, 9, 12.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek *was* ‖ the first of the nations, but his latter end ‖ *shall be*, that he perish for ever.

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‖ Or, *the first of the nations that warred against Israel,* Exod. 17. 8.

21 And he looked on the Kenites; and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock:

‖ Or, shall be *even to destruction,* 1 Sam. 15. 3.

22 Nevertheless † the Kenite shall be wasted, ‖ until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

† Heb. *Kain.*

‖ Or, *how long shall it be ere Asshur carry thee away captive?*

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas! who shall live when God doeth this?

24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of [p] Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict [q] Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

[p] Gen. 10. 4. Dan. 11. 30.

[q] Genes. 10. 21.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and [r] returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

[r] See Chap. 31. 8.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The Israelites' whoredom and idolatry.*
6 *Zimri and Cozbi slain.*

AND Israel abode in [a] Shittim, and [b] the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

[a] Chap. 31. 16. & 33. 49.

[b] 1 Corinth. 10. 8.

2 And [c] they called the people unto [d] the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

[c] Joshua 22. 17. Psalm 106. 28. Hosea 9. 10.

[d] Exod. 34. 15. 1 Corinth. 10. 20.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, [e] Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

[e] Deut. 4. 3. Josh. 22. 17.

5 And Moses said unto the [f] judges of Israel, [g] Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

[f] Exod. 18. 21, 25.

[g] Exod. 32. 27.

6 ¶ And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman, in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And [h] when Phinehas, [i] the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

[h] Psalm 106. 30. 1 Mac. 2. 54.

[i] Exod. 6. 25.

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

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9 And [k] those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

k 1 Corinth. 10. 8.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 [l] Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous † for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

l Psalm 106. 30.

† Heb. *with my zeal:* See 2 Cor. 11. 2.

12 Wherefore say, [m] Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:

m Mal. 2. 4, 5. & 3. 1. Ecclus. 45. 24. 1 Mac. 2. 54.

13 And he shall have it, and [n] his seed after him, *even* the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

n See 1 Chron. 6. 4, &c.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a † chief house among the Simeonites.

† Heb. *house of a father.*

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain *was* Cozbi, the daughter of [o] Zur; he *was* head over a people, *and* of a chief house in Midian.

o Chap. 31. 8. Joshua 13. 21.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 [p] Vex the Midianites, and smite them:

p Chap. 31. 2.

18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Israel numbered.* 52 *The law of dividing the inheritance of the land.*

AND it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 [a] Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, [b] from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel.

a Exod. 30. 12, & 38. 25, 26. Chap. 1. 2.
b Chap. 1. 3.

3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

4 *Take the sum of the people,* from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD [c] commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

c Chap. 1. 1.

5 ¶ [d] Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

d Genes. 46. 8. Ex. 6. 14. 1 Chron. 5. 1.

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6 Of Hesron, the family of the Hesronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These *are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and Abiram *which were* [e] famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD;

e Chap. 16. 1, 2.

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: [f] and they became a sign.

f Chap. 16. 38. See 2 Pet. 2. 6.

11 Notwithstanding, the children of Korah died not.

12 ¶ The sons of Simeon, after their families: of [g] Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of [h] Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

g Genes. 46. 10. *Jemuel.*
h 1 Chron. 4. 24. *Jarib.*

13 Of [i] Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

i Genes. 46. 10. *Zohar.*

14 These *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The children of Gad, after their families: of [k] Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

k Genes. 46. 16. *Ziphion.*

16 Of ‖ Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

‖ Or, *Ezbon,* Gen. 46. 16.

17 Of [l] Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites:

l Genes. 46. 16. *Arodi.*

18 These *are* the families of the children of Gad, according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 ¶ [m] The sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

m Genes. 38. 2, &c. & 46. 12.

20 And [n] the sons of Judah, after their families, were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites.

n 1 Chron. 2. 3.

21 And the sons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

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22 These *are* the families of Judah, according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

o Genes. 46. 13. 1 Chron. 7. 1. ‖ Or, *Phuvah.*

23 ¶ [o] *Of* the sons of Issachar, after their families: *of* Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of ‖ Pua, the family of the Punites:

‖ Or, *Job.*

24 Of ‖ Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These *are* the families of Issachar, according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

p Genes. 46. 14.

26 ¶ [p] *Of* the sons of Zebulun, after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These *are* the families of the Zebulunites, according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

q Genes. 46. 20.

28 ¶ [q] The sons of Joseph, after their families, *were* Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 Of the sons of Manasseh: of

r Joshua 17. 1.

[r] Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites.

30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: *of*

s Called *Abiezer,* Josh. 17. 2. Judges 6. 11, 24, 34.

[s] Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 And *of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and *of* Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 And *of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and *of* Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

t Chap. 27. 1. & 36. 11.

33 ¶ And [t] Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These *are* the sons of Ephraim, after their families: of Shuthelah, the

u 1 Chron. 7. 20. *Bered.*

family of the Shuthalhites: of [u] Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim, according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph, after their families.

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38 ¶ [x] The sons of Benjamin, after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of [y] Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

x 1 Chron. 7. 6. y Genes. 46. 21. *Ehi.* 1 Chron. 8. 1. *Aharah.*

39 Of [z] Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

z Genes. 46. 21. *Muppim and Huppim.*

40 And the sons of Bela were [a] Ard and Naaman: *of Ard,* the family of the Ardites: *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

a 1 Chron. 8. 3. *Addar.*

41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin, after their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ [b] These *are* the sons of Dan, after their families: of ‖ Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan, after their families.

b Genes. 46. 23. ‖ Or, *Hushim.*

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ [c] *Of* the children of Asher, after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

c Genes. 46. 17. 1 Chron. 7. 30.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher, according to those that were numbered of them, *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 ¶ [d] *Of* the sons of Naphtali, after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

d Genes. 46. 24. 1 Chron. 7. 13.

49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of [e] Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

e 1 Chron. 7. 13. *Shallum.*

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali, according to their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 [f] These *were* the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand, and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

f See Chap. 1. 46.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

g Chap. 33. 54.

54 [g] To many thou shalt † give the more inheritance, and to few

† Heb. *multiply his inheritance.*

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thou shalt † give the less inheritance; to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.

† Heb. *diminish his inheritance.*

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be [h] divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

h Chap. 33. 54. Joshua 11. 23. & 14. 2.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between many and few.

57 ¶ [i] And these *are* they that were numbered of the Levites, after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

i Genes. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16, 17, 18, 19. 1 Chron. 6. 1, 16.

58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites: and Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife *was* [k] Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

k Exod. 2. 1, 2. & 6. 20.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 And [l] Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

l Levit. 10. 2. Chap. 3. 4. 1 Chron. 24. 2.

62 [m] And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males, from a month old and upward: [n] for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

m See Chap. 3. 39.

n Chap. 1. 49.

63 ¶ These *are* they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

64 [o] But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

o Chap. 1. Deuter. 2. 14, 15.

65 For the LORD had said of them, They [p] shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

p Chap. 14. 28, 29. 1 Cor. 10. 5, 6.

CHAP. XXVII.

6 *The law of inheritances.* 12 *Moses, being told of his death,* 15 *sueth for a successor.* 18 *Joshua is appointed to succeed him.*

THEN came the daughters of [a] Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

a Chap. 26. 33. & 36. 1, 11. Josh. 17. 3.

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2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father [b] died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD [c] in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

b Chap. 14. 35. & 26. 64, 65.

c Chap. 16. 1, 2.

4 Why should the name of our father be † done away from among his family, because he hath no son? [d] Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.

† Heb. *diminished.*

d Joshua 17. 4.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: [e] thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

e Chap. 36. 2.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [f] Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

f Chap. 33. 47. Deut. 3. 27. & 32. 49. & 34. 1.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as [g] Aaron thy brother was gathered.

g Chap. 20. 24, 28. & 31. 2. Deut. 10. 6.

14 For ye [h] rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is*, the [i] water of Meribah in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin.

h Chap. 20. 12, 24. Deut. 1. 37. Psalm 106. 32.

i Exod. 17. 7.

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15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, [k] the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 [l] Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not [m] as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man [n] in whom *is* the spirit, and [o] lay thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And [p] thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 And [q] he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him, [r] after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: [s] at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation:

23 And he laid his hands upon him, [t] and gave him a charge; as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Offerings to be observed.* 3 *The continual burnt-offering.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, *and* [a] my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* † a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 ¶ And thou shalt say unto them, [b] This *is* the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot, † day by day, *for* a continual burnt-offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer † at even;

5 And [c] a tenth *part* of an ephah of flour for a [d] meat-offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of an [e] hin of beaten oil.

6 *It is* a continual burnt-offering, [f] which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

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7 And the drink-offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of an hin for the one lamb: [g] in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD *for* a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

9 ¶ And on the sabbath-day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof.

10 *This is* the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

11 ¶ And [h] in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

12 And three tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for one ram;

13 And a several tenth-deal of flour, mingled with oil, *for* a meat-offering unto one lamb, *for* a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink-offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third *part* of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth *part* of an hin unto a lamb: this *is* the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 ¶ [i] And in the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the passover of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the [k] first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein:*

19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire, *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: [l] they shall be unto you without blemish.

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k Chap. 16. 22. Hebr. 12. 9.

l 2 Chron. 1. 10.

m 1 Kings 22. 17. Zech. 10. 2. Mat. 9. 36. Mark 6. 34.

n Genes. 41. 38. Judg. 3. 10. & 11. 29. 1 Sam. 16. 13, 18.

o Deuter. 34. 9.

p See Chap. 11. 17, 28. 1 Sam. 10. 6, 9. 2 Kings 2. 15.

q See Josh. 9. 14. Judg. 1. 1. & 20. 18. 1 Sam. 23. 9. & 30. 7.

r Exod. 28. 30.

s Joshua 9. 14. 1 Sam. 22. 10.

t Deuter. 3. 28.

a Levit. 3. 11. & 21. 6, 8. Malachi 1. 7, 12.

† Heb. *a savour of my rest.*

b Exod. 29. 38.

† Heb. *in a day.*

† Heb. *between the two evenings.*

c Exod. 16. 36. Chap. 15. 4.

d Levit. 2. 1.

e Exod. 29. 40.

f See Amos 5. 25.

g Exod. 29. 42.

h 1 Sam. 20. 5.

i Exod. 12. 18. Levit. 23. 5. Chap. 9. 3. Deut. 16. 1.

k Exod. 12. 16. Levit. 23. 7.

l Verse 31. Chap. 29.

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20 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil: three tenth-deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram;

21 A several tenth-deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

22 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these besides the burnt-offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

25 And on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

m Exod. 23. 16. & 34. 22. Lev. 23. 10. Deuter. 16. 10.

26 ¶ Also [m] in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

27 But ye shall offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year;

28 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram,

29 A several tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;

30 *And* one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer *them* besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, (n they shall be unto you without blemish,) and their drink-offerings.

n Verse 19.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The offering at the feast of trumpets,* 7 *at the day of afflicting their souls,* 12 *and on the eight days of the feast of tabernacles.*

AND in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: [a] it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

a Levit. 23. 24.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year, without blemish:

3 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs; Before CHRIST 1452.

5 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you:

6 Besides [b] the burnt-offering of the month, and his meat-offering, and [c] the daily burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

b Chap. 28. 11.

c Chap. 28. 3.

7 ¶ And [d] ye shall have on the tenth *day* of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work *therein:*

d Levit. 16. 29. & 23. 27.

8 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year; [e] they shall be unto you without blemish.

e Chap. 28. 19.

9 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals to one ram,

10 A several tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs;

11 One kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, besides [f] the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

f Levit. 16. 3, 5.

12 ¶ And [g] on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days.

g Levit. 23. 33.

13 And [h] ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

h Ezra 3. 4.

14 And their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth-deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth-deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs;

16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

17 ¶ And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year, without spot:

18 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, [i] after the manner;

i Verse 3, 4, 9, 10. & Chap. 28. 7, 14.

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19 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 ¶ And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish:

21 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, [k] after the manner;

k Verse 18.

22 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 ¶ And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish:

24 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner;

25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, without spot:

27 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner;

28 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 ¶ And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish:

30 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner;

31 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 ¶ And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish:

33 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the lambs, and for the rams, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner;

34 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a [l] solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein:*

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l Levit. 23. 36.

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year, without blemish:

37 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner;

38 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 These *things* ye shall ‖ do unto the LORD in your set feasts, besides your [m] vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.

‖ Or, *offer.*

m Levit. 7. 11, 16.

40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Vows are not to be broken.* 9 *Of a widow's vow, or her that is divorced.*

AND Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 [a] If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not † break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

a Deuter. 23. 21. Eccles. 5. 4.

† Heb. *profane.*

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind *herself* by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds, wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand; and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 ¶ And if she had at all an husband when † she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

† Heb. *her vows were upon her.*

7 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that

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he heard *it;* then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard *it;* then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect; and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 ¶ But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard *it,* and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them; then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard *them.*

15 But if he shall any wise make them void, after that he hath heard *them;* then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *The Midianites are spoiled, and Balaam slain.* 13 *Moses is wroth with the officers for saving the women alive.* 19 *Of purification,* &c.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a]Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites; afterward shalt thou [b]be gathered unto thy people.

a Chap. 25. 17.

b Chap 27. 13.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.

4 †Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

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† Heb. *A thousand of a tribe, a thousand of a tribe.*

5 So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and [c]the trumpets to blow in his hand.

c Chap. 10. 9.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and [d]they slew [e]all the males.

d Deuter. 20. 13.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, besides the rest of them that were slain; *namely,* [f]Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: [g]Balaam also, the son of Beor, they slew with the sword.

Judges 21. 11. 1Sam. 27. 9. 1 Kings 11. 15, 16.

e See Judges 6. 1, 2, 33.

f Joshua 13. 21.

g Joshua 13. 22.

9 And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

11 And [h]they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.

h Deuter. 20. 14.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the † battle.

† Heb. *host of war.*

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved [i]all the women alive?

i See Deut. 20. 15. 1 Sam. 15. 3.

16 Behold, [k]these caused the children of Israel, through the [l]counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and [m]there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

k Chap. 25. 2.

l Chap. 24. 14. 2 Pet. 2. 15.

m Chap. 25. 9.

17 Now therefore [n]kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with † him.

n Judges 21. 11.

† Heb. *a male.*

18 But all the women-children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

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19 And [o] do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and [p] whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

[o] Chap. 5. 2.

[p] Chap. 19. 11, &c.

20 And purify all *your* raiment, and all † that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

† Heb. *instrument, or, vessel of skins.*

21 ¶ And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified [q] with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire, ye shall make go through the water.

[q] Chap. 19. 9, 17.

24 [r] And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

[r] Levit. 11. 25.

25 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey † that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation;

† Heb. *of the captivity.*

27 And [s] divide the prey into two parts, between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation;

[s] Joshua 22. 8. 1 Sam. 30. 24.

28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: [t] one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep.

[t] See Verse 30, 47. & Chap. 18. 26.

29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the priest, *for* an heave-offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the ‖ flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, [u] which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

‖ Or, *goats.*

[u] Chap. 3. 7, 8, 25, 31, 36.

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand, and seventy thousand, and five thousand sheep,

33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,

34 And threescore and one thousand asses, Before CHRIST 1452.

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand, and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:

37 And the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred, of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and one.

40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tribute *was* thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD's heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest; [x] as the LORD commanded Moses.

[x] See Chap. 18. 8, 19.

42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand, and thirty thousand, *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons,)

47 Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our † charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

† Heb. *hand.*

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath † gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear-rings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

† Heb. *found.*

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.

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52 And all the gold of the † offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

† Heb. *heave-offering.*

53 (*For* [y] the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)

y Deuter. 20. 14.

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAP. XXXII.

The Reubenites and Gadites sue for their inheritance on the east side of Jordan.

NOW the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of [a] Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattle;

a Chap. 21. 32. Joshua 13. 25. 2 Sam. 24. 5.

2 The children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and [b] Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and [c] Shebam, and Nebo, and [d] Beon,

b Verse 36. *Bethnimrah.* c Verse 38. *Shibmah.* d Verse 38. *Baal-meon.*

4 *Even* the country [e] which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle.

e Chap. 21. 24, 34.

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan.

6 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

† Heb. *break.*

7 And wherefore † discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

f Chap. 13. 3, 26. g Deuter. 1. 22.

8 Thus did your fathers, [f] when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea [g] to see the land.

h Chap. 13. 24.

9 For [h] when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

i Chap. 14. 21.

10 [i] And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

k Chap. 14. 28, 29. Deut. 1. 35.

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, [k] from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because [l] they have not † wholly followed me:

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l Chap. 14. 24, 30. † Heb. *fulfilled after me.*

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 ¶ And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones:

17 But [m] we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

m Joshua 4. 13.

18 [n] We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance:

n Joshua 22. 4.

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 ¶ And [o] Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,

o Deuter. 3. 18. Josh. 1. 14.

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him,

22 And [p] the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and [q] this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

p Deuter. 3. 20. q Deuter. 3. 12, 15, 16. Josh. 1. 15. & 13. 8.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

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26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead;

r Joshua 4. 12.

27 r But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

s Joshua 1. 13.

28 So s concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben, answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan *may be* ours.

Deuter. 3. 12. Josh. 13. 8. & 22. 4.

33 And t Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, u the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, *even* the cities of the country round about.

u Chap. 21. 24, 33.

34 ¶ And the children of Gad built

x Chap. 33. 45, 46.

x Dibon, and Ataroth, y and Aroer,

y Deuter. 2. 36.

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and

z Verse 1, 3. *Jazer.*

z Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

a Verse 3. *Nimrah.*

36 And a Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities; and folds for sheep.

b Chap. 21. 27.

37 And the children of Reuben b built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kir-jathaim,

c See Ver. 3. Josh. 23. 7.

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon, (c their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and † gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

† Heb. *they called by names the names of the cities.*

d Genes. 50. 23.

39 And the children of d Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which *was* in it.

e Deuter. 3. 12, 13, 15.

40 And Moses e gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

f Deuter. 3. 14. Joshua 13. 30. 1 Chron. 2. 21, 22.

41 And f Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them g Havoth-jair.

g Judges 10. 4. 1 Kings 4. 13.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Two and forty journeys of the Israelites.* 50 *The Canaanites, with their molten images, are to be destroyed.*

THESE *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies, under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they a departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out b with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

a Exod. 12. 37. 1491.

b Exod. 14. 8.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all *their* first-born, c which the LORD had smitten among them: d upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.)

c Exod. 12. 29.

d Exod. 12. 12. & 18. 11. Isa. 19. 1. Rev. 12. 8.

5 e And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

e Exod. 12. 37.

6 And they departed from f Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

f Exod. 13. 20.

7 And g they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

g Exod. 14. 2, 9.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and h passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

h Exod. 14. 22. & 15. 22, 23.

9 And they removed from Marah, and i came unto Elim: and in Elim *were* twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there.

i Exod. 15. 27.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the k wilderness of Sin.

k Exod. 16. 1.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at l Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

l Exod. 17. 1. & 19. 2.

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15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the [m] wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched [n] at ‖ Kibroth-hattaavah.

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and [o] encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in [p] Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and [q] encamped at Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from [r] Bene-jaakan, and [s] encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, [t] and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the [u] wilderness of Zin, which *is* Kadesh.

37 And they removed from [x] Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And [y] Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor, at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth month.

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39 And Aaron *was* an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor.

40 And [z] king Arad the Canaanite (which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan) heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

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41 And they departed from mount [a] Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and [b] pitched in Oboth.

44 And [c] they departed from Oboth, and pitched in ‖ [d] Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched [e] in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-[f] diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, [g] and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and [h] pitched in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesimoth *even* unto ‖ [i] Abel-shittim, in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [k] When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 [l] Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.

53 And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And [m] ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families; *and* to the more ye shall † give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall † give the less inheritance: every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them *shall be* [u] pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover, it shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto you as I thought to do unto them.

m Exod. 16. 1. & 19. 1, 2.
n Chap. 11. 34.
‖ That is, *The graves of lust.*
o Chap. 11. 35.
p Chap. 12. 16. 1 Mac. 5. 9. *Dathema.*
q Deuter. 10. 6.
r 1 Mac. 5. 4. *Beon:* See Genes. 36. 27. Deut. 10. 6. 1 Chron. 1. 42.
s Deuter. 10. 7.
t Deuter. 2. 8. 1 Kings 9. 26. 1453.
u Chap. 20. 1. & 27. 14.
x Chap. 20. 22. & 21. 4.
y Chap. 20. 25. Deut. 10. 6. & 32. 50.
z Chap. 21. 1, &c.
a Chap. 21. 4.
b Chap. 21. 10.
c Chap. 21. 11.
‖ Or, *Heaps of Abarim.*
d Chap. 21. 11.
e Chap. 32. 34.
f Ezekiel 6. 14.
g Chap. 21. 20.
h Chap. 22. 1.
‖ Or, *The plains of Shittim.*
i Chap. 25. 1. Josh. 2. 1.
k Deuter. 7. 2. Josh. 3. 17.
l Exod. 23. 24. & Deuter. 7. 2, 5. & 12. 3.
m Chap. 26. 53.
† Heb. *multiply his inheritance.*
† Heb. *diminish his inheritance.*
u Joshua 23. 13. Judges 2. 3. See Exod. 23. 33.

CHAP. XXXIV.

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1 *The borders of the land:* 16 *the names of the men who shall divide the land by inheritance.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan, (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan, with the coasts thereof,)

a Josh. 15. 1. 3 Then [a] your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin, along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of

b Gen. 14. 3. [b] the salt-sea eastward:

4 And your border shall turn from

c See Josh. 15. 3. the south [c] to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south

d Chap. 13. 26. [d] to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to

e See Josh. 15. 3. [e] Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon:

5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon

f Genes. 15. 18. Joshua 15. 4, 47. 1 Kings 8. 65. Isa. 27. 12. [f] unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6 And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border; from the great sea ye shall point

g Chap. 33. 37. out for you [g] mount Hor:

8 From mount Hor ye shall point

h Chap. 13. 21. 2 Kings 14. 25. out *your border* [h] unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad.

9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coast shall go down

i 2 Kings 23. 33. Jer. 39. 5, 6. from Shepham [i] to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto

† Heb. *shoulder.* k Deuter. 3. 17. Josh. 11. 2. & 19. 35. the † side of the sea [k] of Chinnereth eastward.

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt-sea: this shall be your land, with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe.

l Chap. 32. 33. Joshua 14. 2, 3. 14 [l] For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*, and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance.

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15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho, eastward, toward the sun-rising.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 These *are* the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: m Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

m Josh. 14. 1. & 19. 51.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.

29 These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Eight and forty cities given to the Levites:* 6 *six of them to be cities of refuge.* 9 *The laws of murder.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, 1451.

a Josh. 14. 3, 4. & 21. 2. 2 [a] Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites, of the inheritance of their possession, cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

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3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* [b] six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and † to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

[b] Deuter. 4. 41. Josh. 20. 2. & 21. 3, 21.
† Heb. *above them ye shall give.*

7 *So* all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: [c] from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which † he inheriteth.

[c] Chap. 26. 54.
† Heb. *they inherit.*

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [d] When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan,

[d] Deut. 19. 2. Josh. 20. 2.

11 Then ye [e] shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person † at unawares.

[e] Exod. 21. 13.
† Heb. *by error.*

12 [f] And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

[f] Deuter. 19. 6. Josh. 20. 5.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 [g] Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities of refuge.

[g] Deuter. 4. 41. Josh. 20. 8.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them; that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

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16 [h] And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

[h] Exod. 21. 12, 14. Lev. 24. 17.

17 And if he smite him † with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

† Heb. *with a stone of the hand.*

18 Or *if* he smite him with an hand-weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But [i] if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;

[i] Deuter. 19. 11.

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly [k] without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait;

[k] Exod. 21. 13.

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm;

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood, according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, [l] which was anointed with the holy oil.

[l] Exod. 29. 7. Levit. 4. 3. & 21. 10.

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; † he shall not be guilty of blood:

† Heb. *no blood shall be to him.*

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the [m] mouth of witnesses: but one

[m] Deuter. 17. 6. & 19. 15. Mat. 18. 16. 2 Cor. 13. 1. Hebr. 10. 28.

witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die.

31 Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* †guilty of death; but he shall be surely put to death.

† Heb. *guilty to die.*

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are;* for blood [n] it defileth the land: and †the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

n Micah 4. 11.

† Heb. *there can be no expiation for the land.*

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The inconvenience of the inheritance of daughters,* 5 *is remedied by marrying in their own tribes.*

AND the chief fathers of the families of the [a] children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel;

a Chap. 26. 29.

2 And they said, [b] The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and [c] my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters.

b Chap. 26. 55. & 27. 1. & 33. 54. Josh. 17. 3.

c Chap. 27. 1, 7. Josh. 17. 3, 4.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe † whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

† Heb. *unto whom they shall be.*

4 And when [d] the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

d Levit. 25. 10.

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5 ¶ And Moses commanded the children of Israel, according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well.

6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them †marry to whom they think best; [e] only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry:

† Heb. *be wives.*

e Tob. 1. 9.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for every one of the children of Israel shall †keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

† Heb. *cleave to the,* &c.

8 And [f] every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

f 1 Chron. 23. 22.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 ¶ Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad:

11 [g] For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons:

g Chap. 27. 1.

12 *And* they were married †into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

† Heb. *to some that were of the families.*

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded, by the hand of Moses, unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

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1 *Moses, in the end of the fortieth year, briefly rehearseth the story,* 6 *of God's promise,* 34 *and his anger,* &c.

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THESE *be* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel [a] on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the ‖ Red *sea,* between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

a Josh. 9. 1, 10. & 22. 4, 7.

‖ Or, *Suph.*

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2 (*There are* eleven days' *journey* from Horeb, by the way of mount Seir, [b] unto Kadesh-barnea.)

b Numb. 13. 26.

3 And it came to pass [c] in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of Israel,

c Numb. 33. 38.

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according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

4 [d] After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth [e] in Edrei:

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

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6 ¶ The LORD our God spake unto us [f] in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long [g] enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto † all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea-side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 Behold, I have † set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, [h] Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them, and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And [i] I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone.

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, [k] ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 ([l] The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, [m] as he hath promised you!)

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 † Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is* good *for us* to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, [n] and † made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and [o] judge righteously between *every* man and his [p] brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.

17 [q] Ye shall not † respect persons in judgment, *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man, for [r] the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and [s] we came to Kadesh-barnea.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; [t] fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and [u] I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And [x] they turned, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, [y] *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 [z] Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God.

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have † discouraged our heart, saying, [a] The people *is* greater and taller than we; [b] the cities *are* great, and walled up to heaven: and, moreover, we have seen the sons of the [c] Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 [d] The LORD your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

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d Numb. 21. 24, 33.
e Numb. 21. 33. Josh. 13. 12.
f Exod. 3. 1.
g See Exod. 19. 1. Numb. 10. 11.
† Heb. *all his neighbours.*
† Heb. *given.*
h Gen. 12. 7. & 15. 18. & 17. 7, 8. & 26. 4. & 28. 13.
i Exod. 18. 18. Numb. 11. 14.
k Gen. 15. 5.
l 2 Sam. 24. 3.
m Gen. 15. 5. & 22. 17. & 26. 4. Ex. 32. 13.
† Heb. *Give.*
n Exod. 18. 25.
† Heb. *gave.*
o John 7. 24.
p Levit. 24. 22.
q Levit. 19. 15. Chap. 16. 19. 1 Sam. 16. 7. Prov. 24. 23. James 2. 1.
† Heb. *acknowledge faces.*
r 2 Chron. 19. 6
s Numb. 13. 26.
t Josh. 1. 9.
u Numb. 13. 3.
x Numb. 13. 22, 23, 24.
y Numb. 13. 27.
z Numb. 14. 1.
† Heb. *melted.*
a Numb. 13. 28, 32, 33.
b Chap. 9. 1.
c Numb. 13. 28.
d Exod. 14. 14, 25. Neh. 4. 20.

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31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God [e] bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,

33 [f] Who went in the way before you, [g] to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 ¶ And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, [h] and sware, saying,

35 [i] Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

36 [k] Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because [l] he hath † wholly followed the LORD.

37 [m] Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 [n] Moreover, your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day [o] had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 [p] But *as for* you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, [q] We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, [r] Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and † went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 [s] And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, [t] as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned, and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

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46 [u] So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

CHAP. II.

1 *The story is continued touching the Edomites, 9 the Moabites, 16 the Ammonites. 24 Sihon the Amorite is to be subdued.*

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea, [a] as the LORD spake unto me; and we compassed mount Seir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain [b] long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, [c] Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore.

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, † no, not so much as a foot-breadth; [d] because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: [e] these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

8 [f] And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned, and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto me, || Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given [g] Ar unto [h] the children of Lot *for* a possession.

10 [i] The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as [k] the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 [l] The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau

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† succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their ‖ stead, as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

† Heb. *inherited them.*
‖ Or, *room.*

13 Now rise up, *said I,* and get you over [m] the ‖ brook Zered: and we went over the brook Zered.

m Numb. 21. 12.
‖ Or, *valley.*

14 And the space in which we came [n] from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, [o] as the LORD sware unto them.

n Numb. 13. 26.

o Chap. 1. 34, 35.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

16 ¶ So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day.

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto [p] the children of Lot *for* a possession.

p Genes. 19. 38.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time, and the Ammonites call [q] them Zamzummims;

q Gen. 14. 5. *Zuzims.*

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau [r] which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed [s] the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead, even unto this day;

r Gen. 36. 8.
s Genes. 14. 6. & 36. 20,---30.

23 And [t] the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto [u] Azzah, [x] the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

t Josh. 13. 3.
u Jer. 25. 20.
x Genes. 10. 14. Amos 9. 7.

24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and [y] pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; † begin to possess *it,* and contend with him in battle.

y Numb. 21. 13, 14. Jud. 11. 21.
† Heb. *begin, possess.*

25 [z] This day will I begin to put the dread of thee, and the fear of thee, upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

z Exod. 15. 14.

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26 ¶ And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth, unto Sihon king of Heshbon, [a] with words of peace, saying,

a Chap. 20. 10.

27 [b] Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the highway, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

b Numb. 21. 21, 22. Judg. 11. 19.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink; only I will pass through on my feet,

29 ([c] As the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me,) until I shall pass over Jordan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

c See Chap. 23. 3, 4. Judges 11. 17, 18.

30 [d] But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for [e] the LORD thy God [f] hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

d Numb. 21. 23.
e Joshua 11. 20.
f Exod. 4. 21.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

32 [g] Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

g Numb. 21. 23.

33 And [h] the LORD our God delivered him before us, and [i] we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

h Chap. 7. 2. & 20. 16.
i Chap. 29. 7.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and [k] utterly destroyed † the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city; we left none to remain:

k Levit. 27. 28. Chap. 7. 2, 26.
† Heb. *every city of men, and women, and little ones.*

35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 [l] From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us.

l Chap. 3. 12. & 4. 48. Josh. 13. 9.

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river [m] Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbade us.

m Genes. 32. 22. Chap. 3. 16.

CHAP. III.

1 *Of Og king of Bashan.* 23 *Moses' prayer to enter into the land:* 27 *he is only permitted to see it.*

THEN we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and [a] Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle [b] at Edrei.

a Numb. 21. 33, &c. Chap. 29. 7.
b Chap. 1. 4.

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2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto [c]Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

c Numb. 21. 24.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands [d]Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him, until none was left to him remaining.

d Numb. 21. 35.

4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, [e]all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

e 1 Kings 4. 13.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; besides unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king [f]of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

f Chap. 2. 24.

7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

8 And we took at that time, out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (*Which* [g]Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it [h]Shenir;)

g Chap. 4. 48.

h 1 Chron. 5. 23.

10 [i]All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and [k]all Bashan, unto Salchah, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan:

i Chap. 4. 49.

k Joshua 12. 5. & 13. 11.

11 [l]For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron: *is* it not in [m]Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

l Amos 2. 9.

m 2 Sam. 12. 26. Jer. 49. 2. Ezekiel 21. 20.

12 And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, [n]from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and [o]the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites.

n Chap. 2. 36.

o Numb. 32. 33. Joshua 13. 8, &c.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 [p]Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob, [q]unto the coasts of Geshuri and [r]Maachathi, and called them after his own name, Bashan-[s]havoth-jair, unto this day.

p 1 Chron. 2. 22.

q Joshua 13. 13.

r 2 Sam. 10. 6.

s Numb. 32. 41.

15 [t]And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

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16 And unto the Reubenites, [u]and unto the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border, even unto the river Jabbok, [x]*which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

t Numb. 32. 39.

u 2 Sam. 24. 5.

x Numb. 21. 24. Josh. 12. 2.

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof*, from [y]Chinnereth [z]even unto the sea of the plain, [a]*even* the salt sea, ‖ under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

y Numb. 34. 11.

z Chap. 4. 49. Josh. 12. 3.

a Genes. 14. 3.

‖ Or, *under the springs of Pisgah, or, the hill.*

18 ¶ And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: [b]ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* † meet for the war.

b Numb. 32. 20.

† Heb. *sons of power.*

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you,

20 Until the LORD hath given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye [c]return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

c Joshua 22. 4.

21 ¶ And [d]I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

d Numb. 27. 18.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 ¶ And [e]I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

e See 2 Cor. 12. 8, 9.

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for [f]what God *is there* in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

f Psalm 71. 19. & 86. 8. & 89. 6.

25 I pray thee, let me go over and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD [g]was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

g Numb. 20. 12. & 27. 14. Chap. 1. 37. & 31. 2. & 32. 51, 52. & 34. 4. Psalm 106. 32.

27 [h]Get thee up unto the top of ‖ Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

h Numb. 27. 12.

‖ Or, *The hill.*

28 But [i]charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people,

i Numb. 27. 18.

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and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in [k] the valley over against Beth-peor.

k Chap. 34. 6.

CHAP. IV.

1 *An exhortation to obedience.* 41 *Moses appointeth the three cities of refuge on the east side of Jordan.*

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto [a] the statutes, and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

a Levit. 19. 37. & 20. 8. & 22. 31.

2 [b] Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

b Chap. 12. 32. Joshua 1. 7. Prov. 30. 6. Eccles. 12. 13. Revel. 22. 18, 19.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of [c] Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

c Numb. 25. 4, &c. Josh. 22. 17.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore, and do *them*; for this *is* [d] your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people.

d Job 28. 28. Psalm 111. 10. Prov. 1. 7.

7 For [e] what nation *is there so* great, who *hath* [f] God *so* nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for?*

e 2 Sam. 7. 23. f Psalm 46. 1. & 145. 18. & 148. 14. Isa. 55. 6.

8 And what nation *is there so* great, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but [g] teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons:

g Genes. 18. 19. Chap. 6. 7. & 11. 19. Psalm 78. 5, 6.

10 *Specially* [h] the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.

h Exod. 19. 9, 16. & 20. 18. Hebr. 12. 18.

11 And ye came near, and stood under the mountain; and the [i] mountain burned with fire unto the † midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

i Exod. 19. 18.

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† Heb. *heart.*

12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; [k] † only *ye heard* a voice.

k Exod. 20. 22, 23.

† Heb. *save a voice.*

13 [l] And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* [m] ten commandments; and [n] he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

l Chap. 9. 9, 11. m Exod. 34. 28. n Exod. 24. 12.

14 ¶ And [o] the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

o Exod. 21. 1. & Chap. 22. & 23.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves, (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,)

16 Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and [p] make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, [q] the likeness of male or female,

p Exod. 20. 4, 5. q Rom. 1. 23.

17 The likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:

19 And lest thou [r] lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* [s] all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath ‖ divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

r Chap. 17. 3. Job 31. 26, 27. s Genes. 2. 1. ‖ Or, *imparted.*

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and [t] brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, [u] to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

t 1 Kings 8. 51. Jer. 11. 4. u Exod. 19. 5. Chap. 9. 29. & 32. 9.

21 Furthermore, [x] the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

x Numb. 20. 12. Chap. 1. 37.

22 But [y] I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land.

y See 2 Pet. 1. 13, 14, 15.

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing* [z] which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

z Exod. 20. 4, 5. a Chap. 9. 3. Isa. 33. 14. Hebr. 12. 29.

24 For [a] the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* [b] a jealous God.

b Exod. 20. 5. Isa. 42. 8.

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25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeness of any *thing*, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger;

c Isa. 1. 2. Micah 6. 2.

26 [c] I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

d Levit. 26. 33. Chap. 28. 62, 64. Neh. 1. 8.

27 And the LORD [d] shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

e Chap. 28. 64. 1 Sam. 26. 19. Jer. 16. 13.

28 And [e] there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, [f] which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

f Psal. 115. 4, 5. & 135. 15. Isa. 44. 9. & 46. 7.

29 [g] But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

g Levit. 26. 39. Chap. 30. 1. 2 Chron. 15. 4. Neh. 1. 9.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things † are come upon thee, [h] *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice,

† Heb. *have found thee.*

h Genes. 49. 1.

31 (For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God,) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* [i] from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it?

i Matth. 24. 31.

k Exod. 24. 11. & 33. 20.

33 [k] Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, [l] by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

l Chap. 7. 19. & 29. 3.

m Chap. 32. 39. Isaiah 45. 5, 18, 22. Mark 12. 29, 32.

35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; [m] *there is* none else besides him.

n Exod. 19. 9, 19. & 20. 18, 22. & 24. 16. Hebr. 12. 18.

36 [n] Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee; and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire, and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

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37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and [o] brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

o Exod. 13. 3, 9, 14.

38 To drive out nations from before thee, greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that [p] the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.

p Joshua 2. 11.

40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

q Numb. 35. 6, 14.

41 ¶ Then Moses [q] severed three cities on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising;

r Chap. 19. 4.

42 [r] That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that, fleeing unto one of these cities, he might live:

s Joshua 20. 8.

43 *Namely*, [s] Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 ¶ And this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:

45 These *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt;

t Chap. 3. 29.

46 On this side Jordan, [t] in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel [u] smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

u Numb. 21. 24. Chap. 1. 4.

47 And they possessed his land, and the land [x] of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising;

x Numb. 21. 33. Chap. 3. 4.

48 From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which *is* [y] Hermon,

y Chap. 3. 9. Psalm 133. 3.

49 And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the [z] springs of Pisgah.

z Chap. 3. 17.

CHAP. V.

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1 *A commemoration of the Lord's covenant in Horeb.* 6 *The ten commandments.* 32 *At the people's request Moses receiveth the law from God.*

AND Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and † keep, and do them.

† Heb. *keep to do them.*

2 [a] The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

a Exod. 19. 5. 1491.

3 The LORD [b] made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day.

b See Matth. 15. 17. Hebr. 8. 9.

4 [c] The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount, out of the midst of the fire,

c Exod. 19. 9, 19. Chap. 34. 10.

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for [d] ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount,) saying,

d Exod. 19. 16. & 20. 18.

6 ¶ [e] I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

e Exod. 20. 2, &c. Levit. 26. 1. Chap. 6. 4. Psalm 81. 10.

† Heb. *servants.*

7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or* any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth:

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, [f] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

f Exod. 34. 7.

10 [g] And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

g Jerem. 32. 18.

11 [h] Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

h Levit. 19. 12. Mat. 5. 33.

12 Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 [i] Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work;

i Exod. 23. 12. & 35. 2. Ezekiel 20. 12.

14 But the seventh day *is* the [k] sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou.

k Genes. 2. 2. Exod. 16. 29, 30. Hebr. 4. 4.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence, through a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath-day.

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16 ¶ [l] Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

l Levit. 19. 3. Chap. 27. 16. Ephes. 6. 2, 3. Col. 3. 20.

17 [m] Thou shalt not kill.

m Matth. 5. 21.

18 [n] Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

n Luke 18. 20.

19 [o] Neither shalt thou steal.

o Rom. 13. 9.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 [p] Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbour's.

p Rom. 7. 7.

22 ¶ These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he added no more: and [q] he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

q Exod. 24. 12.

23 [r] And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

r Exod. 20. 19.

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and [s] we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he [t] liveth.

s Exod. 19. 19.

t Chap. 4. 33. Judges 13. 22.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us. If we † hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die.

† Heb. *add to hear.*

26 For who *is there of* all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say; and [u] speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee, and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.

u Exod. 20. 19. Hebr. 12. 19.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken

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unto thee: [x] they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 [y] Oh that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: [z] ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The end of the law is obedience:*
3 *an exhortation thereto.*

NOW these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye † go to possess it;

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it;* that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in [a] the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 [b] Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 And [c] thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And [d] these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart;

7 And [e] thou shalt † teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 [f] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 [g] And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, [h] which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not; and wells digged, which thou diggedst not; vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not; [i] when thou shalt have eaten, and be full;

12 *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

13 Thou shalt [k] fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and [l] shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you;

15 (For the LORD thy God *is* a jealous God among you;) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 ¶ [m] Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, [n] as ye tempted *him* in Massah.

17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers;

19 [o] To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 ¶ *And* when thy son asketh thee † in time to come, saying, What *mean* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bond-men in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt [p] with a mighty hand.

22 And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and † sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to

x Chap. 18. 17.
y Chap. 32. 29. Psalm 81. 13. Isa. 48. 18. Matth. 23. 37.
z Josh. 1. 7.
† Heb. *pass over.*
a Exod. 3. 8.
b Isa. 42. 8. Mark 12. 29. John 17. 3. 1Cor. 8. 4, 6.
c Chap. 10. 12. Matth. 22. 37. Mark 12. 30. Luke 10. 27.
d Chap. 11. 18. Psalm 37. 31. & 40. 8. & 119. 98. Isa. 51. 7.
e Chap. 4. 9. & 11. 19. Psal. 78. 4.
† Heb. *whet*, or, *sharpen.*
f Exod. 13. 9, 16. Chap. 11. 18. Prov. 3. 3. & 6. 21. & 7. 3.
g Chap. 11. 20. Isa. 57. 8.
h Psalm 105. 44.
i Chap. 8. 10, &c.
† Heb. *bond-men*, or, *servants.*
k Chap. 10. 12, 20. & 13. 4. Mat. 4. 10. Luke 4. 8.
l Psalm 63. 11. Isa. 45. 23. & 65. 16. Jer. 4. 2. & 5. 7. & 12. 16.
m Matth. 4. 7. Luke 4. 12.
n Exod. 17. 2. Num. 20. 3, 4. & 21. 4.
o Numb. 33. 52.
† Heb. *to-morrow.*
p Exod. 3. 19. & 13. 3.
† Heb. *evil.*

give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

q Rom. 10. 3, 5.

25 And q it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

CHAP. VII.

1 *All communion with the nations is forbidden,* 4 *for fear of idolatry.*

a Chap. 31. 3.

WHEN the a LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee,

b Genes. 15. 19.

b the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt smite them, *and* c utterly destroy them; d thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

c Levit. 27. 28, 29. Numb. 33. 52. Joshua 6. 17. & 8. 24. & 10. 28, 40. & 11. 11, 12.

d Exod. 23. 32. & 34. 12, 15, 16. See Chap. 20. 10. Josh. 2. 14. & 9. 18. Judg. 1. 24.

3 e Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

e 1 Kings 11. 2.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall f destroy their altars, and break down their † images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

f Exod. 23. 24. & 34. 13. Chap. 12. 3.

† Heb. *statues,* or, *pillars.*

6 g For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: h the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

g Chap. 14. 2. & 26. 19. Psalm 50. 5. Jer. 2. 3.

h Exod. 19. 5. Amos 3. 2. 1 Peter 2. 9.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; (for ye *were* the fewest of all people;)

8 But i because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bond-men, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

i Chap. 10. 15.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, k the faithful God, l which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations;

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k Isaiah 49. 7.

l 1 Cor. 1. 9. & 10. 13. 2 Corinth. 1. 18. 1 Thess. 5. 24. 2 Thess. 3. 3. 2 Tim. 2. 13. Hebr. 11. 11. 1 John 1. 9.

10 And m repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

l 1 Exod. 20. 6.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

m Nahum 1. 2.

12 ¶ n Wherefore it shall come to pass, † if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.

n Levit. 26. 3. Chap. 28. 1.

† Heb. *because.*

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: o there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

o Exod. 23. 26, &c.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the p evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

p Exod. 9. 14. & 15. 26. Chap. 28. 27, 60.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eyes shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* q a snare unto thee.

q Exod. 23. 33. Chap. 12. 30.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them; *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 r The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

r Chap. 4. 34. & 29. 3.

20 s Moreover, the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

s Exod. 23. 28. Joshua 24. 12.

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21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will † put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

† Heb. *pluck off.*

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them † unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

† Heb. *before thy face.*

24 And [t] he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

t Joshua 12. 1.

25 The graven images of their gods [u] shall ye burn with fire: thou [x] shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be [y] snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

u Exod. 32. 20. Chap. 12. 3. x Joshua 7. 1, 21. 2 Mac. 12. 40. y Zeph. 1. 3.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; [z] for it *is* a cursed thing.

z Levit. 27. 28. Chap. 13. 17.

CHAP. VIII.

An exhortation to obedience in regard of God's dealing with Israel.

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee [a] these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* [b] to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

a Chap. 1. 3. & 2. 7. b Exod. 16. 4. Chap. 13. 3.

3 And he humbled thee, and [c] suffered thee to hunger, and [d] fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth [e] not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

c Exod. 16. 2, 3. d Exod. 16. 12, 14, 35. e Psalm 104. 29. Mat. 4. 4. Luke 4. 4.

4 [f] Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

f Chap. 29. 5. Neh. 9. 21.

5 [g] Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

g 2 Sam. 7. 14. Psalm 89. 32. Prov. 3. 12. Hebr. 12. 5. Rev. 3. 19.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

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7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land; [h] a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

h Chap. 11. 10, 11.

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig-trees, and pomegranates; a land † of oil-olive, and honey;

† Heb. *of olive-tree of oil.*

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land [i] whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

i Chap. 33. 25.

10 [k] When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

k Chap. 6. 11, 12.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 [l] Lest, *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein;*

l Chap. 28. 47. & 32. 15. Prov. 30. 9. Hos. 13. 6.

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, [m] *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; [n] who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

m Numb. 21. 6. Hosea 13. 5. n Numb. 20. 11. Psalm 78. 15. & 114. 8.

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with [o] manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

o Exod. 16. 15.

17 [p] And thou say in thine heart, My power, and the might of *mine* hand, hath gotten me this wealth.

p Chap. 9. 4.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day, that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall

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ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. IX.

Moses dissuadeth them from the opinion of their own righteousness, by rehearsing their several rebellions.

HEAR, O Israel; Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities [a] great, and fenced up to heaven;

a Chap. 1. 28.

2 A people great and tall, [b] the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak?

b Numb. 13. 22, 28, 32.

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a [c] consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

c Chap. 4. 24. Hebr. 12. 29.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, [d] For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land; but [e] for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

d Chap. 8. 17. Rom. 11. 6, 20. 1Cor. 4. 4, 7.

e Genes. 15. 16.

5 [f] Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform [g] the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

f Titus 3. 5.

g Genes. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 7. & 17. 8. & 26. 4. & 28. 13.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art* [h] a stiff-necked people.

h Exod. 32. 9. & 33. 3. & 34. 9.

7 ¶ Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: [i] from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

i Exod. 14. 11. & 16. 2. & 17. 2. Numb. 11. 4. & 20. 2. & 25. 2.

8 Also [k] in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you, to have destroyed you.

k Exod. 32. 4. Psalm 106. 19.

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9 [l] When I was gone up into the mount, to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then [m] I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

l Exod. 24. 12, 15.

m Exod. 24. 18. & 34. 28.

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10 And [n] the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone, written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words which the LORD spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, [o] in the day of the assembly.

n Exod. 31. 18.

o Exod. 19. 17. & 20. 1.

11 And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, [p] Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves;* they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

p Exod. 32. 7.

13 Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, [q] it *is* a stiff-necked people:

q Verse 6. Chap. 10. 16. & 31. 27. 2 Kings 17. 14.

14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and [r] blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

r Chap. 29. 20. Psal. 9. 5. & 109. 13.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

16 And [s] I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

s Exod. 32. 19.

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I [t] fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

t Exod. 34. 28. Psalm 106. 23.

19 (For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you.) But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And [u] I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small

u Exod. 32. 20.

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as dust; and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

x Numb. 11. 1, 3, 5. y Exod. 17. 7. z Numb. 11. 4, 34. a Numb. 13. 3. & 14. 1.

22 And at [x] Taberah, and at [y] Massah, and at [z] Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise, [a] when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

b Chap. 31. 27.

24 [b] Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

c Verse 18.

25 [c] Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first;* because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

d Exod. 32. 11, &c.

26 [d] I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin;

e Genes. 41. 57. 1 Sam. 14. 25. f Exod. 32. 12. Numb. 14. 16.

28 [e] Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, [f] Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

g Chap. 4. 20.

29 [g] Yet they *are* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power, and by thy stretched-out arm.

CHAP. X.

1 *God's mercy in restoring the two tables.*
8 *The tribe of Levi separated,* &c.
12 *An exhortation to obedience.*

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AT that time the LORD said unto me, [a] Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

a Exod. 34. 1.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

b Exod. 25. 5, 10. & 37. 1.

3 And I made an ark *of* [b] shittim-wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

c Exod. 34. 28. † Heb. *words.*

4 And [c] he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten † commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

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5 And I turned myself, and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

d Numb. 33. 31.

6 ¶ And [d] the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to [e] Mosera: [f] there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

e Numb. 33. 30. f Numb. 20. 28. & 33. 38.

g Numb. 33. 32, 33, 34.

7 [g] From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

h Numb. 3. 6. & 4. 4. & 8. 14. i Chap. 18. 5. k Lev. 9. 22. Numb. 6. 23.

8 ¶ At that time [h] the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, [i] to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and [k] to bless in his name, unto this day.

l Numb. 18. 20. Chap. 18. 1. Ezekiel 44. 28.

9 [l] Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

1491. m Exod. 34. 28. Chap. 9. 18, 25. ‖ Or, *former days.* n Exod. 32. 14, 33. & 33. 17. Chap. 9. 19. o Exod. 32. 34. & 33. 1. † Heb. *go in journey.*

10 ¶ And [m] I stayed in the mount, according to the ‖ first time, forty days and forty nights; and [n] the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.

11 [o] And the LORD said unto me, Arise, † take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

p Micah 6. 8.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, [p] what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and [q] to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,

q Chap. 6. 5. Mat. 22. 37.

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

r 1 Kings 8. 27. Psalm 115. 16. & 148. 4. s Genes. 14. 19. Exod. 19. 5. Psalm 24. 1.

14 Behold, [r] the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, *is* the LORD's thy God, [s] the earth *also,* with all that therein *is.*

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

t See Levit. 26. 41. Chap. 30. 6. Jerem. 4. 4. Rom. 2. 28, 29. Colos. 2. 11.

16 Circumcise therefore [t] the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked.

u Revel. 17. 14. & 19. 16.

17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and [u] Lord of lords, a great

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God, a mighty, and a terrible, which [x] regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

18 [y] He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 [z] Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 [a] Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou [b] cleave, [c] and swear by his name.

21 [d] He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt [e] with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee [f] as the stars of heaven for multitude.

x 2 Chron. 19. 7. Job 34. 19. Acts 10. 34. Rom. 2. 11. Galat. 2. 6. Eph. 6. 9. Colos. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17.
y Psalm 68. 5. & 146. 9.
z Levit. 19. 33, 34.
a Chap. 6. 13. Mat. 4. 10. Luke 4. 8.
b Chap. 13. 4.
c Psalm 63. 11.
d Exod. 15. 2. Psalm 22. 3. Jer. 17. 14.
e Genes. 46. 27. Exod. 1. 5. Acts 7. 14.
f Genes. 15. 5.

CHAP. XI.

1 *An exhortation to obedience.* 8 *God's promise of great blessings.* 26 *A blessing and a curse is set before them.*

THEREFORE thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

2 And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched-out arm,

3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; [a] how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;

6 And [b] what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the ‖ substance that † *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel.

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

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9 And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them, and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 ¶ For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God † careth for: [c] the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments, which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul;

14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, [d] the first rain, and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will † send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat, and be full.

16 Take heed to yourselves, [e] that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and [f] serve other gods, and worship them;

17 And *then* the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he [g] shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 ¶ Therefore [h] shall ye lay up these my words in your heart, and in your soul, and [i] bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 [k] And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children,

a Exod. 14. 27.
b Numb. 16. 31. & 27. 3. Psalm 106. 17.
‖ Or, *living substance which followed them.*
† Heb. was *at their feet.*
† Heb. *careth.*
c 1 Kings. 9. 3.
d Joel 2. 23. James 5. 7.
† Heb. *give.*
e Chap. 29. 18.
f Chap. 8. 19.
g 1 Kings 8. 35.
h Chap. 6. 6.
i Chap. 6. 8.
k Chap. 4. 9, 10. & 6. 7.

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in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, [l] as the days of heaven upon the earth.

l Psalms 72. 5. & 89. 29, 30.

22 ¶ For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

m Joshua 1. 3. & 14. 9.

24 [m] Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: [n] from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea, shall your coast be.

n Genes. 15. 18. Exod. 23. 31. Numb. 34. 3.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you, and the dread of you, upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, [o] as he hath said unto you.

o Exod. 23. 27.

26 ¶ [p] Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

p Chap. 30. 15.

27 [q] A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day;

q Chap. 28. 2.

28 And a [r] curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

r Chap. 28. 15.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put [s] the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

s Chap. 27. 12, 13. Josh. 8. 33.

30 *Are* they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, [t] beside the plains of Moreh?

t Genes. 12. 6. Judges 7. 1.

31 For ye shall pass over Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

u Chap. 5. 32.

32 And ye shall observe [u] to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Monuments of idolatry to be destroyed.* 5 *The place of God's service to be kept.* 16, 23 *Blood forbidden.*

THESE *are* the statutes and judgments which ye shall observe to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

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2 [a] Ye shall utterly destroy all the places wherein the nations which ye shall || possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree.

a Exod. 34. 13. Chap. 7. 5.

|| Or, *inherit.*

3 And [b] ye shall † overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

b Numb. 33. 52. Judges 2. 2.

† Heb. *break down.*

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall [c] choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

c Verse 11. Josh. 9. 27. 1 Kings 8. 29. 2 Chron. 7. 12.

6 And [d] thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your [e] tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

d Levit. 17. 3.

e Verse 17. Chap. 14. 22. & 15. 19, 20.

7 And [f] there ye shall eat before the LORD your God; and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

f Chap. 14. 26.

8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest, and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

11 Then there shall be [g] a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there: thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all † your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:

g Ver. 5, 14, 18, 21, 26. & Chap. 14. 23. & 15. 20. & 16. 2, &c. & 17. 8. & 18. 6. & 25. 16. & 26. 2. & 31. 11. Josh. 18. 1. 1 Kings 8. 29. Psalm 78. 68.

† Heb. *the choice of your vows.*

12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as [h] he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

h Chap. 10. 9.

13 Take heed to thyself, that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest:

14 [i] But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offer-

i Verse 11.

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ings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: [k] the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roe-buck, and as of the hart.

k Verse 22.

16 [l] Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

l Genes. 9. 4. Levit. 7. 26. & 17. 10. Chap. 15. 23. & Verse 23.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds, or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand:

18 [m] But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

m Verse 11. & Chap. 14. 23.

19 [n] Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite † as long as thou livest upon the earth.

n Chap. 14. 27. Eccles. 7. 31.

† Heb. *all thy days.*

20 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, [o] as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, (because thy soul longeth to eat flesh,) thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

o Genes. 15. 18. & 28. 14. Chap. 11. 24. & 19. 8.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd, and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 [p] Even as the roe-buck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat *of* them alike.

p Verse 15.

23 [q] Only † be sure that thou eat not the blood: [r] for the blood *is* the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

q Verse 16.

† Heb. *be strong.*

r Genes. 9. 4. Levit. 17. 11, 14.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, [s] when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

s Chap. 13. 18.

26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose.

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27 And [t] thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

t Levit. 1. 5, 9, 13.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whether thou goest to possess them, and thou † succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

† Heb. *inheritest*, or, *possessest them.*

30 Take heed to thyself, [u] that thou be not snared † by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

u Chap. 7. 16.

† Heb. *after them.*

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every † abomination to the LORD which he hateth have they done unto their gods; for [x] even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

† Heb. *abomination of the.*

x Levit. 18. 21. & 20. 2. Chap. 18. 10. Jer. 32. 35.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: [y] thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

y Chap. 4. 2. & 13. 18. Joshua 1. 7. Prov. 30. 6. Revel. 22. 18.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Enticers to idolatry,* 6 *how near soever unto thee, are to be stoned to death.* 12 *Idolatrous cities are not to be spared.*

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, [a] and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

a Matth. 24. 24.

2 And [b] the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

b See Chap. 18. 22. Jer. 28. 9. Mat. 7. 22.

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God [c] proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.

c Chap. 8. 2. See Matth. 24. 24. 1 Corinth. 11. 19. 2 Thess. 2. 11. Revel. 13. 14.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and [d] cleave unto him.

d Chap. 10. 20. e Chap. 18. 20. Jer. 14. 15. Zech. 13. 3.

5 And [e] that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death;

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because he hath † spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in: [f] so shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

† Heb. *spoken revolt against the LORD.*

f Chap. 22. 21, 22, 24. 1 Corinth. 5. 13.

6 ¶ [g] If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or [h] the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

g Chap. 17. 2.

h See Genes. 16. 5. Chap. 28. 54. Prov. 5. 20. Micah 7. 5.

7 *Namely,* of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth;

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 [i] But thou shalt surely kill him; [k] thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

i Chap. 17. 5.

k Acts 7. 58.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

† Heb. *bond-men.*

11 And [l] all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

l Chap. 17. 13.

12 ¶ [m] If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

m Joshua 22. 11, &c. Judges 20. 1, 2.

13 *Certain* men, || the children of Belial, [n] are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

|| Or, *naughty men:* See Judges 19. 22. 1 Sam. 2. 12. & 25. 25. 2 Corinth. 6. 15.

n 1 John 2. 19. Jude 19.

14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, [o] destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

o Exod. 22. 20. Levit. 27. 28. Josh. 6. 17.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shall burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof, every whit, for the LORD thy God; and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

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17 And [p] there shall cleave nought of the || cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

p Chap. 7. 26.

|| Or, *devoted.*

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, [q] to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

q Chap. 12. 25, 32.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *God's children are not to disfigure themselves in mourning.* 3 *What may be eaten, and what not.*

YE *are* the children of the LORD your God. [a] Ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead:

a Levit. 19. 28. & 21. 5. Jer. 16. 6. & 41. 5. & 47. 5.

2 [b] For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

1 Thess. 4. 13.

b Chap. 7. 6. & 26. 18.

3 ¶ Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 [c] These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: The ox, the sheep, and the goat,

c Levit. 11. 2, &c.

5 The hart, and the roe-buck, and the fallow-deer, and the wild goat, and the || † pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

|| Or, *bison.* † Heb. *dishon.*

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you.

8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, [d] nor touch their dead carcase.

d Levit. 11. 27.

9 ¶ [e] These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: All that have fins and scales shall ye eat:

e Levit. 11. 9.

10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

11 ¶ *Of* all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: The eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey,

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13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier-eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the [f] bat.

[f] Levit. 11. 19.

19 And [g] every creeping thing that flieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

[g] See Levit. 11. 21.

20 *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 ¶ Ye shall not eat *of* any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God. [h] Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

[h] Exod. 23. 19. & 34. 26.

22 ¶ [i] Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

[i] Chap. 12. 6, 17.

23 [k] And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and [l] the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

[k] Chap. 12. 5.

[l] Chap. 15. 19, 20.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; *or* if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee;

25 Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul † desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

† Heb. *asketh of thee.*

27 And [m] the Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him: for [n] he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

[m] Chap. 12. 19.

[n] Numb. 18. 20. Chap. 18. 1.

28 ¶ [o] At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates:

[o] Chap. 26. 12. Amos 4. 4.

29 [p] And the Levite, (because [q] he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that [r] the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

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[p] Chap. 26. 12.

[q] Verse 27.

[r] See Mal. 3. 10.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The seventh year a year of release for the poor: 7 it must be no hinderance of lending or giving.*

AT the end of [a] *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.

[a] Exod. 21. 2. & 23. 10. Levit. 25. 2, 4. Chap. 31. 10. Jer. 34. 14.

2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every † creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it;* he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release.

† Heb. *master of the lending of his hand.*

3 [b] Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it again:* but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;

[b] See Chap. 23. 20.

4 ‖ Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it:

‖ Or, *To the end that there be no poor among you.*

5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and [c] thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

[c] Chap. 28. 12, 44.

7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand, from thy poor brother;

8 [d] But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

[d] Matth. 5. 42. Luke 6. 34, 35.

9 Beware that there be not a † thought in thy † wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine [e] eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought, and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

† Heb. *word.* † Heb. *Belial.* [e] Chap. 28. 54, 56. Prov. 23. 6. & 28. 22. Matth. 20. 15.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and

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in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 For [f] the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

12 ¶ *And* [g] if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: *of that* wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to-day.

16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; (because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;)

17 [h] Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever: and also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth [i] a double hired servant *to thee*, in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 ¶ [k] All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep:

20 [l] Thou shalt eat *it* before the LORD thy God year by year, in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.

21 [m] And if there be *any* blemish therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God:

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: [n] the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart.

23 [o] Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

f Matth. 26. 11. John 12. 8.

g Exod. 21. 2. Jer. 34. 14.

h Exod. 21. 6.

i See Isaiah 16. 14. & 21. 16.

k Exod. 13. 2. & 34. 19. Lev. 27. 26. Numb. 3. 13.

l Chap. 12. 7, 17. & 14. 23. & 16. 11, 14.

m Levit. 22. 20. Chap. 17. 1. Eccles. 35. 12.

n Chap. 12. 15.

o Chap. 12. 16, 23.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The feast of the passover,* 9 *of weeks,* 13 *of tabernacles.* 16 *The offerings at them.* 18 *Of judges and justice.* 21 *Groves and images are forbidden.*

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OBSERVE the [a] month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for [b] in the month of Abib thy LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt [c] by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and [d] the herd, in the [e] place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

3 [f] Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; (for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste;) that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 [g] And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coasts seven days; [h] neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

5 Thou mayest not ‖ sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover [i] at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day *shall be* a † solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work *therein.*

9 ¶ [k] Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with ‖ a tribute of a free-will-offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God,* according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which

a Exod. 12. 2, &c.

b Exod. 13. 4.

c Exod. 12. 29, 42.

d Numb. 28. 19.

e Chap. 12. 5.

f Exod. 12. 15, 19. & 34. 18.

g Exod. 13. 7.

h Exod. 12. 10.

‖ Or, *kill.*

i Exod. 12. 6.

† Heb. *restraint.*

k Exod. 23. 16. & 34. 22. Lev. 23. 15. Numb. 28. 26.

‖ Or, *sufficiency.*

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the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

l Exod. 23. 16. Lev. 23. 34. Numb. 29. 12. † Heb. *floor, and thy wine-press.* m Nehem. 8. 9, &c.

13 ¶ [l] Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy † corn and thy wine.

14 And [m] thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands; therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

n Exod. 23. 14, 17. & 34. 23.

16 ¶ [n] Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and [o] they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

o Exod. 23. 15. & 34. 20. Ecclus. 35. 4. † Heb. *according to the gift of his hand.*

17 Every man *shall give* † as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

p Chap. 1. 16. 1 Chron. 23. 4. & 26. 29. 2 Chron. 19. 5, 8.

18 ¶ [p] Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

q Exod. 23. 8. Lev. 19. 15. Prov. 17. 8, 23. Eccles. 7. 7. Ecclus. 20. 29. ‖ Or, *matters.*

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, [q] neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the ‖ words of the righteous.

† Heb. *Justice, justice.*

20 † That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

r Exod. 34. 13.

21 ¶ [r] Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

s Lev. 26. 1. ‖ Or, *statue, or, pillar.*

22 [s] Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* ‖ image, which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Things sacrificed must be sound.*
2 *Idolaters must be put to death.*
14 *The election,* 16 *and duty of a king.*

a Chap. 15. 21. Mal. 1. 8. ‖ Or, *goat.*

THOU [a] shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock or ‖ sheep wherein is blemish, *or* any evil-favouredness: for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

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b Chap. 13. 6.

2 ¶ [b] If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either [c] the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, [d] which I have not commanded;

c Chap. 4. 19. Job 31. 26. d Jerem. 7. 22, 23.

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it,* and enquired diligently, and, behold, *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and [e] shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

e Levit. 24. 14, 16. Josh. 7. 25.

6 [f] At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

f Numb. 35. 30. Chap. 19. 15. Mat. 18. 16. John 8. 17. 2 Cor. 13. 1. 1 Tim. 5. 19. Hebr. 10. 28.

7 [g] The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people: so [h] thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

g Chap. 13. 9. Acts 7. 58. h Chap. 13. 5. & 19. 19.

8 ¶ [i] If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, [k] between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates; then shalt thou arise, [l] and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

i 2 Chron. 19. 10. Hag. 2. 11. Mal. 2. 7. k See Exod. 21. 13, 20, 22, 28. & 22. 2. Numb. 35. 11, 16, 19. l Chap. 19. 4, 10.

9 And [m] thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and [n] unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

m See Jer. 13. 18. n Chap. 19. 17.

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, *to* the right hand nor *to* the left.

o Numb. 15. 30. Ezra 10. 8. Hosea 4. 4. † Heb. *not to hearken.* p Chap. 18. 5, 7.

12 And [o] the man that will do presumptuously, † and will not hearken unto the priest [p] that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy

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God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

q Chap. 13. 11.

13 [q] And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, [r] I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me;

r 1 Sam. 8. 5.

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee [s] whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* [t] from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

s See 1 Sam. 9. 15. & 10. 24. & 16. 12. 1 Chron. 22. 10.

t Jer. 30. 21.

16 But he shall not multiply [u] horses to himself, nor cause the people [x] to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as [y] the LORD hath said unto you, [z] Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

u 1 Kings 4. 26. & 10. 26, 28.

x Is. 31. 1. Ezekiel 17. 15.

y Exod. 13. 17. Numb. 14. 3, 4.

z Chap. 28. 68. Hos. 11. 5. See Jerem. 42. 15.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that [a] his heart turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

a See 1 Kings 11. 3, 4.

18 [b] And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of [c] *that which is* before the priests the Levites:

b 2 Kings 11. 12.

c Chap. 31. 9, 26. See 2 Kings 22. 8.

19 And [d] it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them:

d Josh. 1. 8.

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand or *to* the left; to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The Lord is the priests' and Levites' inheritance.* 15 *Christ the Prophet is to be heard.* 20 *The presumptuous prophet is to die.*

THE priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, [a] shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they [b] shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

a Numb. 18. 20. Chap. 10. 9.

b 1 Corinth. 9. 13.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep; and [c] they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

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c Levit. 30,--34.

4 [d] The first-fruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

d Exod 22. 29. Numb. 18. 12, 24.

5 For [e] the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, [f] to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

e Exod. 28. 1. Numb. 3. 10.

f Chap. 10. 8. & 17. 12.

6 ¶ And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind [g] unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

g Chap. 12. 5.

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides † that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

† Heb. *his sales by the fathers.*

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter [h] to pass through the fire, [i] *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

h Levit. 18. 21.

i Lev. 19. 26, 31. & 20. 27. Isa. 8. 19.

11 [k] Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a [l] necromancer.

k Levit. 20. 27.

l 1 Sam. 28. 7.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be ‖ perfect with the LORD thy God.

‖ Or, *upright, or, sincere.*

14 For these nations, which thou shalt ‖ possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do.*

‖ Or, *inherit.*

15 ¶ [m] The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

m John 1. 45. Acts 3. 22. & 7. 37.

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb, [n] in the day of the assembly, saying, [o] Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

n Chap 9. 10.

o Exod. 20. 19. Hebr. 12. 19

17 And the LORD said unto me, [p] They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

p Chap 5. 28.

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18 [q]I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and [r]will put my words in his mouth; [s]and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words, which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But [t]the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, [u]even that prophet shall die.

21 ¶ And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 [x]When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, [y]if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The cities of refuge.* 16 *The punishment of a false witness.*

WHEN the LORD thy God [a]hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou †succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

2 [b]Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

4 ¶ And [c]this *is* the case of the slayer which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not †in time past;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the †head slippeth from the †helve, and †lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

6 [d]Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and †slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not †in time past.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God [e]enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; [f]then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three;

10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

11 ¶ But [g]if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him †mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities;

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him; [h]but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ [i]Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's land-mark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 ¶ [k]One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

16 ¶ If a false witness rise up against any man, to testify against him ‖ *that which is* wrong;

17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD, [l]before the priests and the judges which shall be in those days:

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath testified falsely against his brother;

19 [m]Then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so [n]shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 [o]And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

21 And thine eye shall not pity; *but* [p]life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

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q John 1. 45. Acts 3. 22. & 7. 37.
r Isa. 51. 16.
s John 4. 25. & 8. 28. & 12. 49, 50.
t Chap. 13. 5. Jer. 14. 14. Zech. 13. 3.
u Acts 3. 23.
x Jer. 28. 9.
y See Chap. 13. 2.
a Chap. 12. 29.
† Heb. *inheritest*, or, *possessest*.
b Exod. 21. 13. Numb. 35. 10. Josh. 20. 2.
c Chap. 4. 42.
† Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*
† Heb. *iron.* † Heb. *wood.* † Heb. *findeth.*
d Numb. 35. 12.
† Heb. *smite him in life.*
† Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*
e Genes. 15. 18. Chap. 12. 20.
f Josh. 20. 7.
g Exod. 21. 12, &c. Numb. 35. 16, 24. Chap. 27. 24.
† Heb. *in life.*
h Numb. 35. 33, 34.
i Chap. 27. 17. Prov. 22. 28. Hos. 5. 10.
k Numb. 35. 30. Chap. 17. 6. Mat. 18. 16. John 8. 17. 2 Cor. 13. 1. 1 Tim. 5. 19. Hebr. 10. 28.
‖ Or, *falling away.*
l Chap. 17. 9.
m Prov. 19. 5, 9. Dan. 6. 24.
n Chap. 13. 5. & 17. 7. & 21. 21. & 22. 21, 24. & 24. 7.
o Chap. 21. 21.
p Exod. 21. 23. Lev. 24. 20. Mat. 5. 38.

CHAP. XX.

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1 *The priest's exhortation to encourage the people to battle.* 10 *How to use the cities that accept or refuse the proclamation of peace.* 16 *What cities must be devoted.*

WHEN thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest [a] horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[a] See Psalm 20. 7. Isa. 31. 1.

2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel; Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts †faint; fear not, and do not †tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them:

† Heb. *be tender.*
† Heb. *make haste.*

4 For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 ¶ And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not [b] dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

[b] See Neh. 12. 27. Psalm 30. title.

6 And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* †eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

† Heb. *made it common:* See Lev. 19. 23, 24. Chap. 28. 30.

7 [c] And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in battle, and another man take her.

[c] Chap. 24. 5.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, [d] What man *is there that is* fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart †faint as well as his heart.

[d] Judg. 7. 3.
† Heb. *melt.*

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies †to lead the people.

† Heb. *to be in the head of the people.*

10 ¶ When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, [e] then proclaim peace unto it.

[e] 2 Sam. 20. 18.

11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it.

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, [f] thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

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[f] Numb. 31. 7.

14 But the women, and the little ones, and [g] the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou †take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

[g] Josh. 8. 2.
† Heb. *spoil.*

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these nations.

16 But [h] of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

[h] Numb. 33. 52. Chap. 7. 1, 2.

17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; *namely,* the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down, (‖ for the tree of the field *is* man's *life,*) †to employ *them* in the siege:

‖ Or, *for, O man, the tree of the field is to be employed in the siege.*

20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they *be* not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until †it be subdued.

† Heb. *to go from before thee.*
† Heb. *it come down.*

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The expiation of an uncertain murder.* 10 *The usage of a captive taken to wife.* 15 *The first-born is not to be disinherited upon private affection.* 18 *A stubborn son is to be stoned to death.*

IF *one* be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it be not known who hath slain him;

2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is slain:

3 And it shall be, *that* the city *which is* next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, *and* which hath not drawn in the yoke;

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4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:

5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; (for [a] them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD;) and [b] by their † word shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*.

6 And all the elders of that city, *that are* next unto the slain *man*, [c] shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen *it*.

8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, [d] and lay not innocent blood † unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9 So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife;

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house, and she shall shave her head, and || † pare her nails;

13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and [e] bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, [f] because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved, [g] and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the first-born son be her's that was hated;

16 Then it shall be, [h] when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved first-born before the son of the hated, *which is indeed* the first-born:

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17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the first-born, [i] by giving him a double portion of all † that he hath: for he *is* [k] the beginning of his strength; the right of the first-born *is* his.

18 ¶ If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place:

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: [l] so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 ¶ And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree;

23 [m] His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for [n] he that is hanged *is* † accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.

Of humanity toward brethren, and of divers other laws.

THOU [a] shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not; then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 ¶ [b] Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

a Chap. 10. 8. 1 Chron. 23. 13. Ecclus. 45. 15.
b Chap. 17. 8, 9.
† Heb. *mouth.*
c See Psalm 19. 12. Mat. 27. 24.
d Jonah 1. 14.
† Heb. *in the midst.*
|| Or, *suffer to grow.*
† Heb. *make*, or, *dress.*
e See Psalm 45. 10.
f Judges 19. 24.
g Genes. 29. 33.
h 2 Chron. 11. 19, 22.
i See 1 Chron. 5. 1.
† Heb. *that is found with him.*
k Genes. 49. 3.
l Chap. 13. 5. & 19. 19, 20. & 22. 21, 24.
m Joshua 8. 29. & 10. 26.
n Gal. 3. 13.
† Heb. *the curse of God:* See Numb. 25. 4. Josh. 10. 26. 2 Sam. 21. 6.
a Exod. 23. 4.
b Exod. 23. 5.

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5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 ¶ If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

c Levit. 19. 19.
† Heb. *fulness of thy seed.*

9 ¶ [c]Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds; lest the † fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

d See 2 Cor. 6. 14, 15, 16.

10 ¶ [d]Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

e Levit. 19. 19.

11 ¶ [e]Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.

f Numb. 15. 38. Mat. 23. 5.
† Heb. *wings.*

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee [f]fringes upon the four † quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself.*

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall be his wife: he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of* virginity be not found for the damsel:

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21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die; because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: [g]so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

g Chap. 13. 5.

22 ¶ [h]If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

h Levit. 20. 10. John 8. 5.

23 ¶ If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, [i]because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: [k]so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

i Chap. 21. 14.
k Verse 21, 22.

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man || force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die:

|| Or, *take strong hold of her.*

26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

28 ¶ [l]If a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

l Exod. 22. 16.

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

m Levit. 18. 8. & 20. 11. 1 Cor. 5. 1.

30 ¶ [m]A man shall not take his father's wife, nor [n]discover his father's skirt.

n See Ruth 3. 9. Ezek. 16. 8.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Who may and who may not enter into the congregation.* 9 *Uncleanness to be avoided in the camp.*

HE that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his

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tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

a Nehem. 13. 1.

3 [a] An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

b See Chap. 2. 29.

4 [b] Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt;

c Numb. 22. 5, 6.

and [c] because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor, of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

d Ezra 9. 12.

6 [d] Thou shalt not seek their peace

† Heb. *good.*

nor their † prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

e Levit. 15. 16.

10 ¶ [e] If there be among you any man that is not clean, by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp; he shall not come within the camp:

† Heb. *turneth toward.*

11 But it shall be, when evening † cometh on, [f] he shall wash *himself* with water; and when the sun is

f Levit. 15. 5.

down, he shall come into the camp *again.*

12 ¶ Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:

13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when

† Heb. *sittest down.*

thou † wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy; that he see no †

† Heb. *nakedness of any thing.*

unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

g 1 Sam. 30. 15.

15 ¶ [g] Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee.

h Chap. 12. 5.

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, [h] in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it † liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

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† Heb. *is good for him.*

17 ¶ There shall be no || whore [i] of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

|| Or, *sodomites.*

i Levit. 19. 29. See Prov. 2. 16.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow; for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

k Exod. 22. 25. Lev. 25. 36. Nehem. 5. 2, 7. Psal. 15. 5. Luke 6. 34, 35.

19 ¶ [k] Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury.

l See Levit. 19. 34. & Chap. 15. 3.

20 [l] Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury, but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to, in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

m Numb. 30. 2. Eccles. 5. 4.

21 ¶ [m] When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a free-will-offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing-corn of thy neighbour, [n] then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing-corn.

n Matth. 12. 1. Mark 2. 23. Luke 6. 1.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Of divorce.* 6, 10 *Of pledges.* 7 *Of man-stealers.* 8 *Of leprosy.* 14 *The hire is to be given.* 17 *Of justice.*

a Matth. 5. 31. & 19. 7. Mark 10. 4.

WHEN a [a] man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found † some

† Heb. *matter of nakedness.*

uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of † divorcement, and give

† Heb. *cutting off.*

it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife.*

3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorce-

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ment, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;

b Jerem. 3. 1.

4 [b]Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is* abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

c Chap. 20. 7.

† Heb. *not any thing shall pass upon him.*

5 ¶ [c]When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, †neither shall he be charged with any business; *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 ¶ No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.

d Exod. 21. 16.

7 ¶ [d]If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; [e]and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

e Chap. 19. 19.

f Levit. 13. 2. & 14. 2.

8 ¶ Take heed in [f]the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, *so* ye shall observe to do.

g Numb. 12. 10. 1490.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did [g]unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

† Heb. *lend the loan of any thing to,* &c.

10 ¶ When thou dost †lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man *be* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge:

h Exod. 22. 26.

13 [h]In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless [i]thee: and [k]it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

i Job 31. 20.

k Chap. 6. 25. Psalm 106. 31. & 112. 9. Dan. 4. 27.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

l Levit. 19. 13. Jer. 22. 13. Tobit 4. 14. James 5. 4.

† Heb. *lifteth his soul unto it:* Psal. 25. 1. & 86. 4.

15 At his day [l]thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and †setteth his heart upon it: [m]lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

m James 5. 4.

16 ¶ [n]The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

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n 2 Kings 14. 6. 2 Chron. 25. 4. Jerem. 31. 29, 30. Ezekiel 18. 20.

17 ¶ [o]Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless, [p]nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

o Exod. 22. 21, 22. Prov. 22. 22. Isa. 1. 23. Jer. 5. 28. & 22. 3. Ezekiel 22. 29. Zech. 7. 10.

18 But [q]thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

p Exod. 22. 26.

19 ¶ [r]When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

q Verse 22.

r Levit. 19. 9. & 23. 22.

20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, †thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

† Heb. *thou shalt not bough it after thee.*

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* †afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

† Heb. *after thee.*

22 And [s]thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

s Verse 18.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Stripes must not exceed forty.* 4 *The ox is not to be muzzled.* 5 *The law of raising seed unto a brother.* 11 *Of the immodest woman.* 13 *Of unjust weights.* 17 *The memory of Amalek is to be blotted out.*

IF there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, [a]and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

a Matth. 10. 17.

3 [b]Forty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

b 2 Corinth. 11. 24.

c Prov. 12. 10. 1 Cor. 9. 9. 1 Tim. 5. 18.

4 ¶ [c]Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he †treadeth out *the corn.*

† Heb. *thrasheth.*

d Matth. 22. 24. Mark 12. 19. Luke 20. 28.

5 ¶ [d]If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not

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marry without unto a stranger: her ‖ husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

‖ Or, *next kinsman:* Gen. 38. 8. Ruth 1. 12, 13.

6 And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his ‖ brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, [e] My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

‖ Or, *next kinsman's wife.* e Ruth 4. 1, 2.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it,* and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 ¶ When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets;

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her.*

13 ¶ [f] Thou shalt not have in thy bag † divers weights, a great and a small.

f Levit. 19. 35, 36. Prov. 11. 1. Ezekiel 45. 10. † Heb. *a stone and a stone.*

14 Thou shalt not have in thine house † divers measures, a great and a small.

† Heb. *an ephah and an ephah.*

15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For [g] all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

g Prov. 11. 1.

17 ¶ [h] Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

h Exod. 17. 8.

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be, [i] when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it.*

i 1 Sam. 15. 3.

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CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The confession of him that offereth the basket of first-fruits.* 12 *Of the third year's tithes.* 16 *The covenant between God and the people.*

AND it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein,

2 [a] That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, to place his name there.

a Exod. 23. 19. & 34. 26. Chap. 16. 10.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, [b] A Syrian ready to perish *was* my father; and [c] he went down into Egypt, and sojourneyed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

b Hosea 12. 12.

c Genes. 46. 1.

6 And [d] the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

d Exod. 1. 11.

7 And [e] when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

e Exod. 2. 23.

8 And [f] the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an out-stretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

f Exod. 12. 37.

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou

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shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God.

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* [g] the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

g Chap. 14. 28.

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of *mine* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them*.

h Hosea 9. 4.

14 [h] I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* unclean *use*, nor given *ought* thereof for the dead; *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

i Isaiah 63. 15. Zech. 2. 13.

15 [i] Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

k Exod. 19. 5. Chap. 7. 6. & 14. 2.

18 And [k] the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments;

l Chap. 4. 7, 8. & 28. 1.

19 And to make thee [l] high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

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1 *The people are commanded to write the law upon stones; 5 and to build an altar of whole stones.* 11 *Of blessings and curses,* &c.

AND Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be, on the day [a] when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that [b] thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster:

a Josh. 4. 1.

b Joshua 8. 32.

3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 Therefore it shall be, when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, [c] in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster.

c Joshua 8. 30.

5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: [d] thou shalt not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.

d Exod. 20. 25. Josh. 8. 31.

6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones; and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God.

7 And thou shalt offer peace-offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 ¶ And Moses, and the priests the Levites, spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; This day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand [e] upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin.

e Judges 9. 7.

13 And [f] these shall stand upon mount Ebal † to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

f Chap. 11. 29. Josh. 8. 33.

† Heb. *for a curs-ing.*

14 ¶ And [g] the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

g Joshua 8. 33. Dan. 9. 11.

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15 [h] Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it* in *a* secret *place:* and all the people shall answer and say, [i] Amen.

16 [k] Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.

17 [l] Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's land-mark: and all the people shall say, Amen.

18 [m] Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way: and all the people shall say, Amen.

19 [n] Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow: and all the people shall say, Amen.

20 [o] Cursed *be* he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt: and all the people shall say, Amen.

21 [p] Cursed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beast: and all the people shall say, Amen.

22 [q] Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen.

23 [r] Cursed *be* he that lieth with his mother-in-law: and all the people shall say, Amen.

24 [s] Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbour secretly: and all the people shall say, Amen.

25 [t] Cursed *be* he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person: and all the people shall say, Amen.

26 [u] Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them: and all the people shall say, Amen.

h Exod. 20. 4, 23. & 34. 17. Levit. 19. 4. & 26. 1. Chap. 4. 16, 23. & 5. 8.
i See Jerem. 11. 5. 1 Corinth. 14. 16.
k Exod. 20. 12. & 21. 17. Levit. 19. 3.
l Chap. 19. 14. Prov. 22. 28.
m Levit. 19. 14.
n Exod. 22. 21, 22. Chap. 10. 18.
o Levit. 18. 8. Chap. 22. 30.
p Levit. 18. 23.
q Levit. 18. 9.
r Levit. 18. 17. & 20. 14.
s Exod. 20. 13. & 21. 12, 14. Lev. 24. 17. Numb. 35. 31. Chap. 19. 11.
t Exod. 23. 7, 8. Chap. 10. 17. & 16. 19. Ezekiel 22. 12.
u Jerem. 11. 3. Galat. 3. 10.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *The blessings for obedience.* 15 *The curses for disobedience.*

AND it shall come to pass, [a] if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God [b] will set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

4 Blessed *shall be* [c] the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

a Levit. 26. 3.
b Chap. 26. 19.
c Genes. 49. 25. Psalm 127. 3.

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5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy ‖ store.

6 [d] Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee [e] to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy ‖ storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 [f] The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And [g] the LORD shall make thee plenteous ‖ in goods, in the fruit of thy † body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and [h] thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee [i] the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them:*

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to* the right hand or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, [k] if thou will not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

‖ Or, *dough*, or, *kneading-trough.*
d Psalm 121. 8.
e Verse 25.
‖ Or, *barns.*
f Exod. 19. 5, 6. Chap. 7. 6.
g Chap. 30. 9, &c.
‖ Or, *for good.*
† Heb. *belly.*
h Chap. 15. 6.
i Isaiah 9. 14, 15.
k Levit. 26. 14. Lam. 2. 17. Daniel 9. 11, 13. Mal. 2. 2. Bar. 1. 20.

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18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto †for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

† Heb. *which thou wouldest do.*

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 [l] The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the ‖ sword, and with [m] blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

l Levit. 26. 16.

‖ Or, *drought.*

m Amos 4. 9.

23 And [n] thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron.

n Levit. 26. 19.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 [o] The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them; and [p] shalt be †removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

o Verse 7. Chap. 32. 30. Isa. 30. 17.

p Jer. 15. 4. & 24. 9. Ezekiel 23. 46.

† Heb. *for a removing.*

26 And [q] thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.

q Ps. 79. 2. Jer. 7. 33. & 16. 4. & 34. 20.

27 The LORD will smite thee with [r] the botch of Egypt, and with [s] the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

r Exod. 9. 9. & 15. 26.

s 1 Sam. 5. 6. Psal. 78. 66.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

29 And thou shalt [t] grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

t Job 5. 14. Isa. 59. 10.

30 [u] Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: [x] thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: [y] thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not †gather the grapes thereof.

u Jer. 8. 10.

x Job 31. 8. Jer. 12. 13. Amos 5. 11. Zeph. 1. 13.

y Chap. 20. 6.

† Heb. *profane*, or, *use it as common meat*: as Chap. 20. 6.

31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and †shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*.

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† Heb. *shall not return to thee.*

32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand.

33 [z] The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

z Levit. 26. 16. Jer. 5. 17.

34 So that thou shalt be mad, [a] for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

a Verse 67.

35 The LORD shalt smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall bring thee, and [b] thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and [c] there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

b 2 Kings 17. 4, 6. & 24. 12. & 25. 7. 2 Chron. 33. 11.

c Chap. 4. 28. Jer. 16. 13.

37 And thou shalt become [d] an astonishment, a proverb, [e] and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

d 1 Kings 9. 7, 8. Jer. 24. 9. & 25. 9. Zech. 8. 13.

e Ps. 44. 14.

38 [f] Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather *but* little in: for the locust shall consume it.

f Micah 6. 15. Haggai 1. 6.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes:* for the worms shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil: for thine olive shall cast *his fruit*.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but †thou shalt not enjoy them: for they shall go into captivity.

† Heb. *they shall not be thine.*

42 All thy trees, and fruit of thy land, shall the locust ‖ consume.

‖ Or, *possess.*

43 The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high, and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: [g] he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

g Verse 13. Lam. 1. 5.

45 Moreover, all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

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46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign, and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and
h Chap. 32. 15. with gladness of heart, [h] for the abundance of all *things;*

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all
i Jer. 28. 14. *things:* and he [i] shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

k Jer. 5. 15. & 6. 23. Luke 19. 43. l Jer. 48. 40. & 49. 22. Lam. 4. 19. Hosea 8. 1. † Heb. *hear.*
49 [k] The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, [l] *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not † understand;

†Heb. *strong of face;* Prov. 7. 13. Eccles. 8. 1. Dan. 8. 23. m Isa. 47. 6.
50 A nation † of fierce countenance, [m] which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young.

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, throughout all thy land which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

n Levit. 26. 29. 2 Kings 6. 28, 29. Jer. 19. 9. Lam. 2. 20. & 4. 10. Baruch 2. 3. † Heb. *belly.*
53 And [n] thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own † body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and
o Chap. 13. 6. toward [o] the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat; because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, Before CHRIST 1451.

57 And toward her † young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. † Heb. *after birth.*

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law *that are* written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all [p] the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee: p Chap. 7. 15.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD † bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. † Heb. *cause to ascend.*

62 And ye [q] shall be left few in number, whereas ye were [r] as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. q Chap. 4. 27. r Chap. 10. 22.

63 And it shall come to pass, *that,* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD [s] will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought: and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. s Prov. 1. 26. Isa. 1. 24.

64 And the LORD [t] shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone. t Levit. 26. 33. Neh. 1. 8. Jer. 16. 13.

65 And [u] among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: u Amos 9. 4.

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life.

67 [x] In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and [y] for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. x Job 7. 4. y Verse 34.

68 And the LORD [z] shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, [a] Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bond-men and bond-women, and no man shall buy you.

[z] Jer. 44. 7. Hos. 8. 13. & 9. 3.
[a] Chap. 17. 16.

CHAP. XXIX.

2 *An exhortation to obedience.* 29 *Secret things belong unto God.*

THESE *are* the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides [a] the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

[a] Chap. 5. 2, 3.

2 ¶ And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, [b] Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

[b] Exod. 19. 4.

3 [c] The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles;

[c] Chap. 4. 34. & 7. 19.

4 Yet [d] the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

[d] See Isaiah 63. 17. John 8. 43. Eph. 4. 18. 2 Thess. 2. 11, 12.

5 [e] And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: [f] your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

[e] Chap. 1. 3.
[f] Chap. 8. 4.

6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place, [g] Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:

[g] Numb. 21. 24, 33. Chap. 2. 32. & 3. 1.

8 And we took their land, and [h] gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh.

[h] Numb. 32. 33. Chap. 3. 12, 13.

9 [i] Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

[i] Chap. 4. 6. Josh. 1. 7. 1 Kings 2. 3.

10 ¶ Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger *that is* in thy camp, from [k] the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water;

[k] See Josh. 9. 21, 23, 27.

12 That thou shouldest † enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day;

† Heb. *pass.*

13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, [l] and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:

[l] See Acts 2. 39. 1 Cor. 7. 14.

16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their † idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)

† Heb. *dungy gods.*

18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, [m] whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; [n] lest there should be among you a root that beareth ‖ † gall and wormwood;

[m] Chap. 11. 16.
[n] Hebr. 12. 15.
‖ Or, *a poisonful herb.*
† Heb. *rosh.*

19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk [o] in the ‖ imagination of mine heart, [p] to add † drunkenness to thirst:

[o] Numb. 15. 39.
‖ Or, *stubbornness.*
[p] Isa. 50. 1.
† Heb. *the drunken to the thirsty.*

20 [q] The LORD will not spare him; but then the anger of the LORD, and his jealousy, shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD [r] shall blot out his name from under heaven.

[q] Ezekiel 14. 7, 8.
[r] Chap. 9. 14.

21 And the LORD [s] shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that † are written in this book of the law:

[s] Matth. 24. 51.
† Heb. *is written.*

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses † which the LORD hath laid upon it;

† Heb. *wherewith the LORD hath made it sick.*

23 *And that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone, [t] and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, [u] like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath;

[t] Jer. 17. 6. Zeph. 2. 9.
[u] Gen. 19. 24, 25.

24 Even all nations shall say, [x] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

[x] 1 Kings 9. 8, 9. Jer. 22. 8.

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25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and ‖ *whom* he had not † given unto them.

‖ Or, who *had not given to them* any portion.
† Heb. *divided.*

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book.

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.

29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God; but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us, and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Great mercies promised to the penitent.*
11 *The commandment is manifest.*
15 *Death and life are set before them.*

a Levit. 26. 40.
b Chap. 28.

[a] AND it shall come to pass, when [b] all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice, according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

c Psalm 106. 45. & 126. 1.
d Ps. 147. 2. Jer. 32. 37.

3 [c] That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and [d] gather thee from all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee:

e Chap. 28. 64. Neh. 1. 9.

4 [e] If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee.

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

f Chap. 10. 16. Jer. 32. 39. Ezekiel 11. 19. & 36. 26.

6 And [f] the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

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8 And thou shalt return, and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

g Chap. 28. 11.

9 [g] And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again [h] rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers;

h Jerem. 32. 41.

10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments, and his statutes, *which are* written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

i Isa. 45. 19.

11 ¶ For this commandment, which I command thee this day, [i] it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

k Rom. 10. 6, &c.

12 [k] It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

l Verse 19. Chap. 11. 26.

15 ¶ See, [l] I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

m Chap. 4. 26.
n Verse 15.

19 [m] I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* [n] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; (for he *is* thy life, and

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the length of thy days;) that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Moses encourageth the people and Joshua:* 9 *he delivereth the law unto the priests, to read it in the seventh year to the people.* 14 *God giveth a charge to Joshua,* 19 *and a song to Moses to testify against the people.*

AND Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

a Chap. 34. 7.

2 And he said unto them, I [a] *am* an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, [b] Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

b Numb. 20. 12. & 27. 13. Chap. 3. 27.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them; *and* Joshua, he shall go over before thee, [c] as the LORD hath said.

c Numb. 27. 21. Chap. 3. 28.

4 And the LORD shall do unto them [d] as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed.

d Numb. 21. 24, 33.

e Chap. 7. 2.

5 And [e] the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be strong, and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; [f] he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

f Josh. 1. 5. Hebr. 13. 5.

7 ¶ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong, and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

g Exod. 13. 21, 22. & 33. 14.

8 And the LORD, [g] he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: [h] fear not, neither be dismayed.

h Josh. 1. 9.

i Chap. 17. 18.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote this law, [i] and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the [k] year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

k Chap. 15. 1.

l Joshua 8. 34, 35. Neh. 8. 1, 2, 3, &c.

11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose, [l] thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

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12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law;

13 And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that [m] I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

m Numb. 27. 19.

15 And [n] the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

n Exod. 33. 9.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt † sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

† Heb. *lie down,* 2 Sam. 7. 12.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will [o] hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall † befall them; so that they will say in that day, [p] Are not these evils come upon us, because our God *is* not among us?

o Chap. 32. 20. Ps. 104. 29.

† Heb. *find them.* p Judg. 6. 13.

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day, for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten, and filled themselves, [q] and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

q Chap. 32. 15.

21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify

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† against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination [r] which they † go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware.

† Heb. *before.*
r Amos 5. 25, 26.
† Heb. *do.*

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, [s] Be strong, and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them; and I will be with thee.

s Joshua 1. 6.

24 ¶ And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

† See 2Kings 22. 8.

26 Take this book of the law, [t] and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

u Chap. 9. 24. & 32. 20.

27 [u] For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, [x] and call heaven and earth to record against them.

x Chap. 32. 1.

y Chap. 32. 5.

29 [y] For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you [z] in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

z Genes. 49. 1.

30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Moses' song, which setteth forth God's mercy and vengeance:* 46 *he exhorteth them to set their hearts upon it.*

GIVE [a] ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

a Chap. 4. 26. & 30. 19. & 31. 28. Psal. 50. 4. Isaiah 1. 2. Jer. 2. 12. & 6. 19.

2 [b] My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew; as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;

b Isa. 55. 10, 11. 1 Corinth. 3. 6, 7, 8.

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 *He is* [c] the Rock, [d] his work *is* perfect; for all his ways *are* judgment: [e] a God of truth, and without iniquity; just and right *is* he.

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c 2 Sam. 23. 3. Psalm 18. 2, 46. Hab. 1. 12.
d 2 Sam. 22. 31.
e Job 34. 10.

5 † [f] They have corrupted themselves; ‖ their spot *is* not *the spot of* his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation.

† Heb. *He hath corrupted to himself.*
f Chap. 31. 29.
‖ Or, that they are *not his children*, that is *their blot.*

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

7 ¶ Remember the days of old, consider the years of † many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

† Heb. *generation and generation.*

8 When the most High [g] divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel:

g Zech. 9. 2. Acts 17. 26.

9 For [h] the LORD's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the † lot of his inheritance.

h Exod. 15. 16.
† Heb. *cord.*

10 He found him [i] in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he ‖ led him about, he instructed him, he [k] kept him as the apple of his eye.

i Chap. 8. 15. Jerem. 2. 6. Hos. 13. 5.
‖ Or, *compassed him about.*
k Psalm 17. 8. Prov. 7. 2. Zech. 2. 8.

11 [l] As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

l Exod. 19. 4. Chap. 1. 31. Isa. 31. 5.

12 *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

& 46. 4. & 63. 9. Hosea 11. 3.

13 [m] He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck [n] honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

m Isaiah 58. 14. Ezek. 36. 2.
n Job 29. 6. Psal. 81. 16.

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, [o] with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

o Ps. 81. 16. & 147. 14.

15 ¶ But [p] Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: [q] thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness;* then he forsook God *which* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

p Chap. 33. 5, 26. Isa. 44. 2.
q Nchem. 9. 25. Ps. 17. 10. Jer. 2. 7. & 5. 7. Hos. 13. 6.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 [r] They sacrificed unto devils, ‖ not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

r Levit. 17. 7. Psalm 106. 37. 1 Corinth. 10. 20. Rev. 9. 20.
‖ Or, which were *not God.*

18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

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19 [s] And when the LORD saw *it*, he ‖ abhorred *them*, [t] because of the provoking of his sons and of his daughters.

20 And he said, [u] I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end *shall be:* for they *are* a very froward generation, [x] children in whom *is* no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not god; they have provoked me to anger [y] with their vanities: and [z] I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 [a] For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and ‖ shall burn unto the lowest hell, and ‖ shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will [b] heap mischiefs upon them; [c] I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with † burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send [d] the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 [e] The sword without, and terror † within, shall † destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also*, with the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries [f] should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, ‖ Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.

29 [g] Oh that they were wise, *that* they understood this, [h] *that* they would consider their latter end!

30 How should [i] one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock [k] had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock, [l] even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

32 For their vine ‖ *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter:

33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

34 *Is* not this [m] laid up in store with me, *and* sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me *belongeth* [n] vengeance and recompence; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for [o] the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 [p] For the LORD shall judge his people, [q] and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* † power is gone, and [r] *there is* none shut up, or left.

37 And he shall say, [s] Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted;

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be † your protection.

39 See now that [t] I, *even* I, *am* he, and [u] *there is* no god with me: [x] I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

40 [y] For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 [z] If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain, and of the captives, from the beginning of [a] revenges upon the enemy.

43 ‖ [b] Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

44 ¶ And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and ‖ Hoshea the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

46 And he said unto them, [c] Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you; [d] because it *is* your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 ¶ [e] And the LORD spake unto Moses that self-same day, saying,

s Judges 2. 14.
‖ Or, *despised.*
t Isa. 1. 2.
u Chap. 31. 17.
x Isa. 30. 9.
y 1 Sam. 12. 21. 1 Kings 16. 13, 26. Psalm 31. 6. Jer. 8. 19. & 10. 8.
z Hosea 1. 10. Rom. 10.19.
a Jerem. 15. 14. Lam. 4. 11.
‖ Or, *hath burned.*
‖ Or, *hath consumed.*
b Isaiah 26. 15.
c Psalm 7. 12, 13.
Ezek. 5. 16.
† Heb. *burning coals:* Habak. 3. 5.
d Levit. 26. 22.
e Lament. 1. 20. Ezek. 7. 15. 2 Cor. 7. 5.
† Heb. *from the chambers.*
† Heb. *bereave.*
f Jer. 19. 4.
‖ Or, *Our high hand, and not the LORD, hath done all this.*
g Psalm 81. 13.
h Isa. 47. 7. Lam. 1. 9.
i Lev. 26. 8. Josh. 23.10. 2 Chron. 24. 24. Isa. 30. 17.
k Psalm 44. 12. Isa. 50. 1. & 52. 3.
l 1 Sam. 4. 8. Jer. 40. 3.
‖ Or, *is worse than the vine of Sodom, &c.*

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m Job 14. 17. Jer. 2. 22. Hos. 13. 12. Rom. 2. 5.
n Psalm 94. 1. Ecclus. 28. 1. Rom. 12.19. Hebr.10.30.
o 2 Pet. 2. 3.
p Psalm 135. 14.
q Judges 2. 18. Ps. 106. 45. Jer. 31. 20. 2 Mac. 7. 6.
† Heb. *hand.*
r 1 Kings 14. 10. & 21. 21. 2 Kings 9. 8. & 14. 26.
s Judges 10. 14. Jer. 2. 28.
† Heb. *an hiding for you.*
t Psalm 102. 27. Isa. 41. 4. & 48. 12.
u Chap. 4. 35. Isaiah 45. 5, 18, 22.
x 1 Sam. 2. 6. 2 Kings 5. 7. Job 5. 18. Ps. 68. 20. Hosea 6. 1. Tobit 13. 2. Wisd.16.13.
y Genes. 14. 22.
z Isa. 27. 1. & 34. 5. & 66. 16. Ezekiel 21. 14, 20.
a Job 13. 24. Jer. 30. 14. Lam. 2. 5.
‖ Or, *Praise his people, ye nations;* or, *Sing ye.*
b Rom. 15. 10.
‖ Or, *Joshua.*
c Chap. 6. 6. & 11. 18.
d Chap. 30. 19.
e Numb. 27. 12.

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49 [f] Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession;

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as [g] Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people;

51 Because [h] ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of ‖ Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye [i] sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 [k] Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee;* but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The majesty of God.* 6 *The blessings of the twelve tribes.*

AND this *is* the blessing wherewith [a] Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, [b] The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them: he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with [c] ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* † a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, [d] he loved the people; [e] all his saints *are* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.

4 Moses commanded us a law, [f] *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was [g] king in [h] Jeshurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

7 ¶ And this *is the blessing* of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.

8 ¶ And of Levi he said, [i] *Let* thy Thummim and thy Urim *be* with thy holy one, [k] whom thou didst prove at Massah, *and with* whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;

9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; [l] neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for [m] they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 ‖ They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: ‖ they shall put incense † before thee, and whole burnt-sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12 ¶ *And* of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; *and the LORD* shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 ¶ And of Joseph he said, [n] Blessed of the LORD *be* his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the sun, and for the precious things † put forth by the † moon,

15 And for the chief things of [o] the ancient mountains, and for the precious things [p] of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth, and fulness thereof; and *for* the good will of [q] him that dwelt in the bush: let *the blessing* come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that [r] was separated from his brethren.

17 His glory *is like* the firstling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of † unicorns; with them [s] he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and [t] they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he said, [u] Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mountains; there [x] they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck *of* the abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures hid in the sand.

20 ¶ And of Gad he said, Blessed *be* he that [y] enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And [z] he provided the first part for himself, because there, *in* a portion of the lawgiver, *was he* † seated; and [a] he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

22 ¶ And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan.

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‖ Or, *Let them teach, &c.*

‖ Or, *let them put incense.*

† Heb. *at thy nose.*

† Heb. *thrust forth.*

† Heb. *moons.*

† Heb. *an unicorn.*

† Heb. *cieled.*

f Numb. 33. 47. Chap. 34. 1.

g Numb. 20. 25, 28. & 33. 38.

h Numb. 20. 11, 12, 13. & 27. 14.

‖ Or, *Strife at Kadesh.*

i See Levit. 10. 3.

k Chap. 34. 4.

a Psalm 90. title.

b Exod. 19. 18. Judges 5. 4. Habak. 3. 3. 1491.

c See Psalm 68. 17. Dan. 7. 10. Acts 7. 53. Galat. 3. 19. Hebr. 2. 2. Rev. 5. 11. & 9. 16.

† Heb. *a fire of law.*

d Exod. 19. 5.

e Chap. 7. 6. Psal. 50. 5.

f Psalm 119. 111.

g See Gen. 36. 31. Judges 9. 2. & 17. 6.

h Chap. 32. 15.

i Exod. 28. 30.

k Numb. 20. 13.

l Exod. 32. 26.

m See Jer. 18. 18. Mal. 2. 5.

n Genes. 49. 25.

o Genes. 49. 26.

p Habak. 3. 6.

q Exod. 3. 2, 4.

r Genes. 49. 26.

s Psal. 44. 5.

t Genes. 48. 19.

u Gen. 49. 13, 14, 15.

x Psal. 4. 5.

y See Josh. 13. 10, &c.

1 Chron. 12. 8, &c.

z Numb. 32. 16, 17, &c.

a Joshua 4. 12.

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23 ¶ And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, [b] satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD; [c] possess thou the west and the south.

24 ¶ And of Asher he said, [d] *Let* Asher *be* blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him [e] dip his foot in oil.

25 || Thy shoes *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall* thy strength *be*.

26 ¶ *There is* none like unto the God of [f] Jeshurun, [g] *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee, and shall say, Destroy *them*.

28 [h] Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and [i] thine enemies || shall be found liars unto thee, and [k] thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Moses from mount Nebo vieweth the land:* 5 *he dieth there:* 6 *his burial:* 7 *his age:* 8 *thirty days mourning for him:* 9 *Joshua succeedeth him.* 10 *The praise of Moses.*

AND Moses went up from the plains of Moab [a] unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of || Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho: and the LORD shewed him [b] all the land of Gilead, [c] unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, [d] unto the utmost sea,

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3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, [e] the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, [f] This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: [g] I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ [h] So Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there, in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 ¶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but [i] no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 ¶ [k] And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: [l] his eye was not dim, nor his † natural force † abated.

8 ¶ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab [m] thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

9 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for [n] Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 ¶ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, [o] whom the LORD knew face to face;

11 In all [p] the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The Lord appointeth Joshua to succeed Moses.* 3 *The extent of the promised land.* 5, 9 *God promiseth to assist Joshua:* 8 *he giveth him instructions.*

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NOW, after the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD, it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' [a] minister, saying,

2 [b] Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

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3 ¶ [c] Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 [d] From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea, toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 ¶ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days

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b Genes. 49. 21.
c See Josh. 19. 32, *&c.*
d Genes. 49. 20.
e See Job 29. 6.
|| Or, Under *thy shoes* shall be *iron.*
f Chap. 32. 15.
g Psalm 68. 4, 33. Habak. 3. 8.
h Numb. 23. 9. Jer. 23. 6. & 33. 16.
i 2 Sam. 22. 45. Psalm 18. 44. & 66. 3. & 81. 15.
|| Or, *shall be subdued.*
k Chap. 32. 13.
a Numb. 27. 12. & 33. 47. Chap. 32. 49.
|| Or, *The hill.*
b Chap. 3. 27. 2 Mac. 2. 4.
c Genes. 14. 14.
d Chap. 11. 21.
e Judg. 1. 16. & 3. 13. 2 Chron. 28. 15.
f Genes. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 18. & 26. 3. & 28. 13.
g Chap. 32. 52.
h Chap. 32. 50.
i See Jude 9.
k Chap. 31. 2.
l See Josh. 14. 10, 11.
† Heb. *moisture.*
† Heb. *fled.*
m See Gen. 50. 3, 10. Numb. 20. 29.
n Numb. 27. 18, 23.
o Exod. 33. 11. Numb. 12. 6, 8. Chap. 5. 4.
p Chap. 4. 34. & 7. 19.

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a Deuter. 1, 38.
b Deuter. 34. 5.
c Deuter. 11. 24. Chap. 14. 9.
d Exod. 23. 31. Numb. 34. 3,---12.

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of thy life: [e] as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: [f] I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 [g] Be strong, and of a good courage; for ‖ unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong, and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law [h] which Moses my servant commanded thee: [i] turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest ‖ prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 [k] This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but [l] thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt ‖ have good success.

9 [m] Have not I commanded thee? Be strong, and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for [n] within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ¶ And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember [o] the word which Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren † armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: [p] then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising.

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

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18 Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words, in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong, and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

1 *Rahab receiveth and concealeth the two spies sent from Shittim:* 8 *the covenant between her and them.*

AND Joshua the son of Nun ‖ sent [a] out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and [b] came into an harlot's house, named [c] Rahab, and † lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were:*

5 And it came to pass, *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But [d] she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan, unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And, before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that [e] your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land † faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD [f] dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites that *were*

e Exod. 3. 12.
f Deuter. 31. 8, 23. Hebr. 13. 5.
g Deut. 31. 7, 23.
‖ Or, *thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land*, &c.
h Deuter. 31. 7.
i Deuter. 5. 32. & 28. 14.
‖ Or, *do wisely.*
k Deut. 17. 18, 19.
l Psal. 1. 2.
‖ Or, *do wisely.*
m Deuter. 31. 7, 8.
n Chap. 3. 2.
o Numb. 32. 20,—28. Chap. 22. 4.
† Heb. *marshalled by five:* as Exod. 13. 18.
p Chap. 22. 4, &c.

‖ Or, *had sent.*
a Numb. 25. 1.
b Hebr. 11. 31. Jam. 2. 25.
c Mat. 1. 5.
† Heb. *lay.*
d See 2 Sam. 17. 19.
e Genes. 35. 5. Ex. 23. 27.
† Heb. *melt.*
f Exod. 14. 21. Chap. 4. 23.

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on the other side Jordan, [g] Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

[g] Numb. 21. 24, 34.

11 And as soon as we had heard *these things*, [h] our hearts did melt, neither † did there remain any more courage in any man because of you: for [i] the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

[h] Exod. 15. 14.

† Heb. *rose up.*

[i] Deuter. 4. 39.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto [k] my father's house, and give me a true token:

[k] see 1 Tim. 5. 8.

13 And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life † for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that [l] we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

† Heb. *instead of you to die.*

[l] Judges 1. 24.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town-wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt † bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

† Heb. *gather.*

19 And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, [m] his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

[m] Matth. 27. 25.

20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

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23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land: for even all the inhabitants of the country do † faint because of us.

† Heb. *melt.*

CHAP. III.

1 *Joshua cometh to Jordan.* 7 *The Lord encourageth Joshua.* 9 *Joshua encourageth the people.*

AND Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed [a] from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

[a] Chap. 2. 1.

2 And it came to pass [b] after three days, that the officers went through the host;

[b] Chap. 1. 10, 11.

3 And they commanded the people, saying, [c] When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, [d] and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it:

[c] See Numb. 10. 33.

[d] Deuter. 31. 25.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it; that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way † heretofore.

† Heb. *since yesterday and the third day.*

5 ¶ And Joshua said unto the people, [e] Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

[e] Exod. 19. 10, 14, 15. Levit. 20. 7. Numb. 11. 18. Chap. 7. 13. 1 Sam. 16. 5. Joel 2. 16.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, [f] Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

[f] Numb. 4. 15.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, [g] as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.

[g] Chap. 1. 5.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 ¶ And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the

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Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of [h] the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

h Verse 13. Mic. 4. 13. Zech. 4. 14. & 6. 5.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they [i] shall stand upon an heap.

i Psalm 114. 3.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the [k] ark of the covenant before the people;

k Acts 7. 45.

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for [l] Jordan overfloweth all his banks [m] all the time of harvest,)

l 1 Chron. 12. 15. Jer. 12. 5. & 49. 19. Eccius. 24. 26.
m Chap. 4. 18. & 5. 10, 12.

16 That the waters, which came down from above, stood, *and* rose up upon an heap, very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside [n] Zaretan: and those that came down [o] toward the sea of the plain, *even* [p] the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho.

n 1 Kings 4. 12. & 7. 46.
o Deuter. 3. 17.
p Numb. 34. 3.

17 And the priests, that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Twelve stones taken for a memorial out of Jordan:* 9 *twelve other stones set up in the midst thereof.* 10, 19 *The people pass over.* 14 *God magnifieth Joshua.*

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed [a] over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto [b] Joshua, saying,

a Deuter. 27. 2.
b Chap. 3. 12.

2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man;

3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones; and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the [c] lodging-place where ye shall lodge this night.

c Verse 19, 20.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man;

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5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel;

6 That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* †in time to come, saying, What *mean* ye by these stones?

† Heb. *to-morrow.*

7 Then ye shall answer them, That [d] the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

d Chap. 3. 13, 16.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 ¶ And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.

12 And [e] the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:

e Numb. 32. 20, 27, 28.

13 About forty thousand, ‖ prepared for war, passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.

‖ Or, *ready armed.*

14 ¶ On that day the LORD [f] magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

f Chap. 3. 7.

15 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear [g] the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet were † lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, [h] and † flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first month, and encamped [i] in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20 ¶ And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers † in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, [k] which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over;

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God † for ever.

CHAP. V.

1 *The Canaanites are afraid.* 2 *Circumcision renewed.* 10 *The passover is kept at Gilgal.* 13 *An angel appeareth to Joshua.*

AND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, [a] which *were* by the sea, [b] heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted; neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee || [c] sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at || the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that [d] he would not shew them the land which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to pass, † when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, [e] till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away [f] the reproach of Egypt from off you: wherefore the name of the place is called || [g] Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in [*] Gilgal, and kept the passover [h] on the fourteenth day of the month at even, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched *corn* in the self-same day.

12 ¶ And [i] the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood [k] a man over against him, with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but *as* || captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and

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g Exod. 25. 16, 22.

† Heb. *plucked up.*

h Chap. 3. 15.
† Heb. *went.*

i Chap. 5. 9.

† Heb. *to-morrow.*

k Exod. 14. 21.

† Heb. *all days.*

a Numb. 13. 29.
b Exod. 15. 14.

‖ Or, *knives of flints.*
c Exod. 4. 25, 31.

‖ Or, *Gibeah-haaraloth.*

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d Numb. 14. 23.

† Heb. *when the people had made an end to be circumcised.*
e See Gen. 34. 25.
f See Levit. 18. 3.
Chap. 24. 14.
Ezekiel. 20. 7. & 23. 3, 8.
1 Mac. 4. 58.
‖ That is, *Rolling.*
g Chap. 4. 19.
h Exod. 12. 6.

i Exod. 16. 35.

k Exod. 23. 23.
Zech. 1. 8.

‖ Or, *prince:* See Exod. 23. 20.
Dan. 10. 13, 21. & 12. 1.
Rev. 12. 7. & 19. 11, 14.

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said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, [1]Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

[1] Exod. 3. 5. Acts 7. 33.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Jericho is shut up.* 20 *The walls fall down.* 22 *Rahab saved.* 26 *The builder again of Jericho is cursed.*

NOW Jericho † was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

† Heb. *did shut up, and was shut up.*

2 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven [a]trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

[a] See Judg. 7. 16, 22.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the rams' horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down † flat, and the people shall ascend up, every man straight before him.

† Heb. *under it.*

6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

8 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests, bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns, passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 ¶ And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, [b]and the † rere-ward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

[b] Numb. 10. 25.

† Heb. *gathering host.*

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor † make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

† Heb. *make your voice to be heard.*

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

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12 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, [c]and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

[c] Deuter. 31. 25.

13 And seven priests, bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD, went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rere-ward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be ‖ accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because [d]she hid the messengers that we sent.

‖ Or, *devoted,* Mic. 4. 13.

[d] Chap. 2. 4.

18 And ye, [e]in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and [f]trouble it.

[e] Deuter. 7. 26. & 13. 17.

[f] Chap. 7. 25.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* † consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

† Heb. *holiness.*

20 ¶ So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that [g]the wall fell down † flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

[g] Hebr. 11. 30.

† Heb. *under it.*

21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, [h]as ye sware unto her.

[h] Chap. 2. 14. Hebr. 11. 31.

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23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her †kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

† Heb. *families.*

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 ¶ And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, [i]Cursed *be* the man before the LORD that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

i 1 Kings 16. 34.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The Israelites are smitten at Ai.* 6 *Joshua's complaint:* 10 *God instructeth him what to do.* 16 *Achan is taken by lot:* 19 *his confession:* 22 *he and all that he had are destroyed in the valley of Achor.*

BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for [a]||Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of ||Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

a Chap. 22. 20.
|| Or, *Achar,* 1 Chron. 2. 7.
|| Or, *Zimri,* 1 Chron. 2. 6.

2 ¶ And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let †about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

† Heb. *about two thousand men, or about three thousand men.*

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men; and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them ||in the going down; where-

|| Or, *as Morad.*

fore [b]the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

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6 ¶ And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the even-tide, he and the elders of Israel, and [c]put dust upon their heads.

b Chap. 2. 9, 11. Psalm 22. 14.
c 1 Sam. 4. 12. 2 Sam. 13. 19. Neh. 9. 1. Job 2. 12.

7 And Joshua said, Alas! O LORD God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!

8 O LORD, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their †backs before their enemies?

† Heb. *necks.*

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land, shall hear *of it,* and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and [d]what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

d See Exod. 32. 12. Numb. 14. 13.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore †liest thou thus upon thy face?

† Heb. *fallest.*

11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: [e]for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.

e Chap. 6. 17.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, [f]Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow; for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

f Chap. 3. 5.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof;* and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and be-

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cause he [g] hath wrought ‖ folly in Israel.

16 ¶ So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, [h] give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, [i] and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a † wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took him; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth, in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 ¶ So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and † laid them out before the LORD.

24 ¶ And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them unto [k] the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, [l] Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. [m] And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they [n] raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger: wherefore the name of that place was called, [o] The valley of ‖ Achor, unto this day.

g Genes. 34. 7. Judg. 20. 6. ‖ Or, *wickedness.*

h See 1 Sam. 6. 5. Jer. 13. 16. John 9. 24. i Numb. 5. 6.

† Heb. *tongue.*

† Heb. *poured.*

k Verse 26.

l Chap. 6. 18. Galat. 5. 12.

m Deuter. 17. 5.

n Chap. 8. 29. 2 Sam. 18. 17. Lam. 3. 53.

o Isaiah 65. 10. Hos. 2. 15. ‖ That is, *Trouble.*

CHAP. VIII.

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1 *God encourageth Joshua.* 3 *The stratagem whereby Ai was taken:* 29 *the king thereof is hanged.* 30 *Joshua buildeth an altar:* 32 *he writeth the law on stones:* 33 *he propoundeth blessings and cursings.*

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, [a] Fear not, neither be thou dismayed; take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.

a Deuter. 1. 21. & 7. 18.

2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto [b] Jericho and her king: only [c] the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves. Lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

b Chap. 6. 21. c Deuter. 20. 14.

3 ¶ So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, [d] ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

d Judges 20. 29.

5 And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city; and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

6 (For they will come out after us,) till we have † drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

† Heb. *pulled.*

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 ¶ Joshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the

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north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side || of the city.

|| Or, *of Ai.*

13 And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and † their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

† Heb. *their lying in wait.*

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early; and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain: but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no † power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

† Heb. *hand.*

21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they [e] let none of them remain or escape:

e Deut. 7. 2.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

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25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 [f] Only the cattle, and the spoil of that city, Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD, which he [g] commanded Joshua.

f Numb. 31. 22, 26.

g Verse 2.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation, unto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until even-tide: [h] and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and [i] raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

h Deuter. 21. 23. Chap. 10. 27.

i Chap. 7. 26.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel [k] in mount Ebal;

k Deuter. 27. 4.

31 As Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the [l] book of the law of Moses, An altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

l Exod. 20. 25. Deut. 27. 5.

32 And [m] he wrote there, upon the stones, a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

m Deuter. 27. 2, 8.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark, and on that side, before the priests the Levites, [n] which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as he that was born among them: half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; [o] as Moses, the servant of the LORD, had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

n Deuter. 31. 25.

o Deuter. 11. 29. & 27. 12.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and

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cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, [p] with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that † were conversant among them.

[p] Deuter. 31. 12.
† Heb. *walked.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *The kings combine against Israel.* 3 *The Gibeonites obtain a league by craft;* 16 *the craft discovered; they are condemned to perpetual bondage.*

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof,*

2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one † accord.

† Heb. *mouth.*

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho, and to Ai,

4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and [a] how shall we make a league with you?

[a] Exod. 23. 32.

8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And [b] all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* at Ashtaroth.

[b] Numb. 21. 21, 33.

11 Wherefore our elders, and all the inhabitants of our country, spake to us, saying, Take victuals † with

† Heb. *in your hand.*

you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

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12 This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine which we filled *were* new, and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And ‖ the men took of their victuals, [c] and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD.

‖ Or, *they received the men by reason of their victuals.*
[c] Numb. 27. 21.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

16 ¶ And it came to pass, at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, [d] and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim.

[d] Chap. 18. 25, 28. Ezra 2. 25.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest [e] wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

[e] See 2 Sam. 21. 1, 6.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be [f] hewers of wood, and drawers of water, unto all the congregation; as the princes had [g] promised them.

[f] Deuter. 29. 11.
[g] Verse 15.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and there shall † none of you be freed from being bond-men, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water, for the house of my God.

† Heb. *not be cut off from you.*

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told

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thy servants, how that the LORD thy God [h] commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

h Deuter. 7. 1, 2.

25 And now, behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood, and drawers of water, for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, [i] in the place which he should choose.

i Deuter. 12. 5.

CHAP. X.

1 *Five kings war against Gibeon:* 6 *Joshua rescueth it.* 12 *The sun and moon stand still at the word of Joshua.* 40 *Israel's return to Gilgal.*

NOW it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; [a] as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to [b] Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

a Chap. 6. 21.

b Chap. 8. 22.

2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the † royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.

† Heb. *cities of the kingdom.*

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua, and with the children of Israel.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites, that dwell in the mountains, are gathered together against us.

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7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD [c] discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up [d] to Beth-horon; and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

c 1 Sam. 7. 10, 12. Psal. 18. 14. Isa. 28. 21.

d Chap. 16. 3, 5.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hail-stones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 ¶ Then spake Joshua to the LORD, in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, [e] Sun, † stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

e Isaiah 28. 21. Hab. 3. 11. Ecclus. 46. 4.

† Heb. *be silent.*

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. [f] *Is* not this written in the book of ‖ Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

f 2 Sam. 1. 18, 19.

‖ Or, *The upright.*

14 And there was no day like that before it, or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 ¶ [g] And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

g Verse 43.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them;

19 And stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and † smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

† Heb. *cut off the tail.*

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20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: [h] none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

h Exod. 11. 7.

22 ¶ Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong, and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees [i] until the evening.

i Chap. 8. 29.

27 And it came to pass, at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they [k] took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

k Deuter. 21. 23. Chap. 8. 29.

28 ¶ And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah [l] as he did unto the king of Jericho.

l Chap. 6. 21.

29 ¶ Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein: he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

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31 ¶ And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:

32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 ¶ And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto [m] Hebron; and they fought against it:

m See Chap. 14. 13. & 15. 13.

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein: he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

38 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to [n] Debir, and fought against it;

n Chap. 15. 15.

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof, as he had done also to Libnah and to her king.

40 ¶ So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel [o] commanded.

o Deuter. 20. 16, 17.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, [p] and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

p Chap. 11. 16.

42 And all these kings, and their land, did Joshua take at one time; because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

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43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Divers kings overcome at the waters of Merom.* 10 *Hazor is taken and burnt.* 21 *The Anakims cut off.*

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AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *those things,* that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king [a] of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

a Chap. 19. 15.

2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders [b] of Dor on the west;

b Chap. 17. 11. Judg. 1. 27. 1 Kings 4. 11.

3 *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, [c] and *to* the Hivite under Hermon [d] in the land of Mizpeh.

c Judg. 3. 3.

d Genes. 31. 49.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were † met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

† Heb. *assembled by appointment.*

6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for to-morrow, about this time, will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt [e] hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

e 2 Sam. 8. 4.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto || great Zidon, and unto [f] || † Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

|| Or, *Zidonrabbah.*

f Chap. 13. 6.

|| Or, *Salt-pits.*

† Heb. *Burnings of waters.*

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them;* there was not † any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

† Heb. *any breath.*

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword; *and* he utterly destroyed them, [g] as Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded.

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g Numb. 33. 52. Deuter. 7. 2. & 20. 16, 17.

13 But *as for* the cities that stood still † in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn.

† Heb. *on their heap.*

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 [h] As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so [i] did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua: † he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

h Exod. 34. 11.

i Deut. 7. 2.

† Heb. *he removed nothing.*

16 ¶ [k] So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, [l] and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

k Chap. 12. 8.

l Chap. 10. 41.

17 [m] *Even* from || the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

m Chap. 12. 7.

|| Or, *the smooth mountain.*

18 ||Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

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19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel save [n] the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon; all *other* they took in battle:

n Chap. 9. 3.

20 For [o] it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them; [p] as the LORD commanded Moses.

o Deuter. 2. 30.

p Deuter. 20. 16, 17.

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua, and cut off [q] the Anakims from the mountains; from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

q Numb. 13. 22, 33. Deut. 1. 28.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, [r] and in Ashdod, there remained.

r Chap. 15. 46.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel, [s] according to their divisions by their tribes. [t] And the land rested from war.

s Numb. 26. 53.

t Chap. 14. 15. & 21. 44. & 22. 4. & 23. 1. Verse 18

CHAP. XII.

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1 *The two kings whose country Moses took and disposed of.* 7 *The one and thirty kings on the west side of Jordan which Joshua smote.*

NOW these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon [a] unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

a Deuter. 3. 9. 1452.

2 [b] Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon:

b Numb. 21. 24. Deut. 2. 36. & 3. 6, 16.

3 And [c] from the plain to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt-sea on the east, [d] the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from ‖ the south, under ‖ [e] Ashdoth-pisgah:

c Deuter. 3. 17.

d Chap. 13. 20.

‖ Or, *Teman.*

‖ Or, *The springs of Pisgah,* or, *The hill.*

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of [f] the remnant of the giants, [g] that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

e Deuter. 3. 17. & 4. 49.

f Deuter. 3. 11. Chap. 13. 12.

g Deuter. 1. 4.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, [h] and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, [i] unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon:

h Deuter. 3. 10.

i Deuter. 3. 14.

6 [k] Them did Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the children of Israel, smite: and [l] Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

k Numb. 21. 24, 35.

l Numb. 32. 29, 33. Deut. 3. 12. Chap. 13. 8.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, even unto [m] the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession, according to their divisions:

m Chap. 10. 40. & 11. 17.

8 [n] In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

n Chap. 11. 16.

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9 ¶ [o] The king of Jericho, one; [p] the king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one;

o Chap. 6. 2.

p Chap. 8. 29.

10 [q] The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

q Chap. 10. 23.

11 The king of Jarmuth, one; [r] the king of Lachish, one;

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12 The king of Eglon, one; [s] the king of Gezer, one;

r Chap. 10. 32.

s Chap. 10. 33.

13 [t] The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

t Chap. 10. 38.

14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 [u] The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

u Chap. 10. 29.

16 [x] The king of Makkedah, one; [y] the king of Beth-el, one;

x Chap. 10. 28.

y Chap. 8. 17.

17 The king of Tappuah, one; [z] the king of Hepher, one;

z 1 Kings 4. 10.

18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of ‖ Lasharon, one;

‖ Or, *Sharon.*

19 The king of Madon, one; [a] the king of Hazor, one;

a Chap. 11. 10.

20 The king [b] of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

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b Chap. 11. 1. & 19. 15.

21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 [c] The king of Kadesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

c Chap. 19. 37.

23 The king of Dor, in the coast of Dor, one; the king of [d] the nations of Gilgal, one;

d Genes. 14. 1, 2. Isaiah 9. 1.

24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.

2 *The bounds of the land not yet conquered.* 14, 33 *The Lord's sacrifices are the Levites' inheritance.* 22 *Balaam slain.*

NOW Joshua [a] was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land † to be possessed.

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a See Chap. 14. 10. & 23. 1.

† Heb. *to possess it.*

2 [b] This *is* the land that yet remaineth; [c] all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri,

b Judges 3. 1.

c Joel 3. 4.

3 [d] From Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: [e] five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also [f] the Avites:

d Jerem. 2. 18.

e Judges 3. 3. 1 Sam. 6. 16. Zeph. 2. 5.

f Deuter. 2. 23.

4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and ‖ Mearah that *is* beside the Sidonians, [g] unto Aphek, to the borders of [h] the Amorites;

‖ Or, *The cave.*

g Chap. 19. 30.

h See Judges 1. 31, 34.

5 And the land of [i] the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sun-rising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon, unto the entering into Hamath:

i 1 Kings 5. 18. Psal. 83. 7. Ezek. 27. 9.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill-country, from Lebanon unto [k] Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel; only divide thou

k Chap. 11. 8.

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it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh;

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, [l] which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave them;

9 From Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, [m] and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 [n] And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salcah;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of [o] the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless, the children of Israel expelled [p] not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites unto this day.

14 [q] Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, [r] as he said unto them.

15 ¶ And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance*, according to their families:

16 And their coast was [s] from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, [t] and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, [u] and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and ‖ Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 [x] And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 [y] And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and [z] ‖ Ashdothpisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 [a] And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, [b] whom Moses smote [c] with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 ¶ [d] Balaam also, the son of Beor, the ‖ soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

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23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 ¶ And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad, according to their families:

25 [e] And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer, that *is* before Rabbah;

26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

27 And in the valley, [f] Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, [g] and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge [h] of the sea of Chinnereth, on the other side Jordan eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half-tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was *the possession* of the half-tribe of the children of Manasseh, by their families.

30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and [i] all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities;

31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the [k] children of Machir, by their families.

32 These *are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33 [l] But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, [m] as he said unto them.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The nine tribes and an half are to have their inheritance by lot.* 6 *Caleb obtaineth Hebron.*

AND these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, [a] which Elea-

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[a] Numb. 34. 17.

l Numb. 32. 33. Deuter. 3. 12, 13. Chap. 22. 4.
m Numb. 21. 30.
n Chap. 12. 5.
o Deuter. 3. 11. Chap. 12. 4.
p Verse 11.
q Chap. 14. 3, 4.
r Verse 33.
s Chap. 12. 2.
t Numb. 21. 28.
u Numb. 21. 30.
‖ Or, *The high places of Baal, and house of Baal-meon:* See Numb. 32. 38.
x Numb. 21. 23.
y Numb. 32. 37.
z Deuter. 3. 17. Chap. 12. 3.
‖ Or, *Springs of Pisgah*, or, *The hill.*
a Deuter. 3. 10.
b Numb. 21. 24.
c Numb. 31. 8.
d Numb. 22. 5. & 31. 8.
‖ Or, *diviner.*
e Numb. 21. 35. & 32. 35.
f Numb. 32. 36.
g Genes. 33. 17. 1 Kings 7. 46.
h Numb. 34. 11.
i Numb. 32. 41. 1 Corinth. 2. 23.
k Numb. 32. 39.
l Chap. 18. 7.
m Numb. 18. 20. Deut. 10. 9. & 18. 1, 2.

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zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

b Numb. 26. 55. & 33. 54. & 34. 13.

2 [b]By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half-tribe.

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half-tribe on the other side Jordan; but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

c Genes. 48. 5. 1 Chron. 5. 1, 2.

4 For [c]the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle, and for their substance.

d Numb. 35. 2. Chap. 21. 2.

5 [d]As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land

6 ¶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the [e]Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest [f]the thing that the LORD said unto Moses, the man of God, concerning me and thee [g]in Kadesh-barnea.

e Numb. 32. 12. & Chap. 15. 17.

f Numb. 14. 24.

g Numb. 13. 26.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses, the servant of the LORD, [h]sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

h Numb. 13. 6. & 14. 6.

i Numb. 13. 31, 32.

8 Nevertheless [i]my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly [k]followed the LORD my God.

k Numb. 14. 24.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, [l]Surely the land [m]whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

l Deuter. 1. 36. Chap. 1. 3.

m See Num. 13. 22.

n Numb. 14. 30.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, [n]as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel †wandered in the wilderness; and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

† Heb. *walked.*

o Ecclus. 46. 9. See Deuter. 34. 7.

11 [o]As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; (for thou heardest in that day how [p]the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced;) if so be the LORD *will* *be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

p Numb. 13. 28. 33, 34.

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13 And Joshua blessed him, [q]and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

q Chap. 10. 37. & 11. 21. & 15. 13.

14 [r]Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

Judg. 1. 20. See Chap. 21. 11, 12. 1 Chron. 6. 55, 56.

r Chap. 21. 12. 1 Mac. 2. 56.

15 And [s]the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba; *which* Arba *was* a great man among the Anakims. [t]And the land had rest from war.

s Genes. 23. 2. Chap. 15. 13.

t Chap. 11. 23.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The borders of the lot of Judah.*
13 *Caleb's portion and conquest.*
16 *Othniel's valour and reward.*
18 *The request of Achsah.* 63 *The Jebusites not conquered.*

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; [a]*even* to the border of Edom, the [b]wilderness of Zin, southward, *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.

a Numb. 34. 3.

b Numb. 33. 36.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the †bay that looketh southward:

† Heb. *tongue.*

3 And it went out to the south side [c]to ‖Maaleh-acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa:

c Numb. 34. 4.

‖ Or, *The going up to Acrabbim.*

4 *From thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea. This shall be your south coast.

5 And the east border *was* the salt-sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan: and *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea, at the uttermost part of Jordan.

6 And the border went up to Bethhogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up [d]to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

d Chap. 18. 17.

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at [e]En-rogel.

e 2 Sam. 17. 17. 1 Kings 1. 9.

8 And the border went up [f]by the valley of the son of Hinnom, unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same

f Jerem. 19. 2, 6.

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is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end [g] of the valley of the giants, northward:

[g] Chap. 18. 16.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn [h] to Baalah, which *is* Kirjath-jearim.

[h] 1 Chron. 13. 6.

10 And the border compassed from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim, (which *is* Chesalon,) on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah.

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron, northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

[i] Verse 47. Numb. 34. 6, 7.

12 And the west border *was* [i] to the great sea, and the coast *thereof.* This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about, according to their families.

[k] Chap. 14. 13.

13 ¶ [k] And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* [l] || the city of Arba, the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

[l] Chap. 14. 15. || or, *Kirjath-arba.*

14 And Caleb drove thence [m] the three sons of Anak, [n] Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

[m] Judges 1. 10, 20. [n] Numb. 13. 22.

15 And [o] he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher.

[o] Chap. 10. 38. Judg. 1. 11.

16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And [p] Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

[p] Judges 1. 13. & 3. 9.

18 And it came to pass, as she came *unto him,* that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and [q] she lighted off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?

[q] See Gen. 24. 64. 1 Sam. 25. 23.

19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah, according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the coast of Edom, southward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

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22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazar,

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazar-shual, and Beersheba, and Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages:

33 *And* in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, || and Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their villages.

|| Or, *or.*

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad,

38 And Dilean, and Mizpeh, [r] and Joktheel,

[r] 2 Kings 14. 7.

39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan,

43 And Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib,

44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages.

46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* † near Ashdod, with their villages.

† Heb. *by the place of.*

47 Ashdod, with her towns and her villages, Gaza, with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof.*

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

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49 And Daanah, and Kirjath-sannah, which *is* Debir,

50 And Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim,

s Chap. 10. 41. & 11. 16.

51 [s] And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh: eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

‖ Or, *Janus.*

53 And ‖ Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

t Chap. 14. 15.

54 And Humtah, and [t] Kirjath-arba, (which *is* Hebron,) and Zior: nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

56 And Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with their villages.

60 Kirjath-baal, (which *is* Kirjath-jearim,) and Rabbah: two cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,

62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi: six cities with their villages.

u See Judg. 1. 8. 2 Sam. 5. 6. x Judg. 1. 21.

63 As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, [u] the children of Judah could not drive them out: [x] but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The general borders of the sons of Joseph.* 5 *The border of the inheritance of Ephraim.* 10 *The Canaanites not conquered.*

† Heb. *went forth.*

AND the lot of the children of Joseph † fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho, throughout mount Beth-el,

a Judges 1. 26.

2 And goeth out from Beth-el to [a] Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

b Chap. 18. 13. 2 Chron. 8. 5.

3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japhleti, [b] unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

c Chap. 17. 14.

4 [c] So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was *thus;* even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, [d] unto Beth-horon the upper:

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d 2 Chron. 8. 5.

6 And the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah, on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah:

7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, [e] and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

e 1 Chron. 7. 28.

8 The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

9 And [f] the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

f Chap. 17. 9.

g Judges 1. 29. See 1 Kings 9. 16.

10 [g] And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *The lot of Manasseh:* 7 *his coast.*
12 *The Canaanites not driven out.*
14 *The children of Joseph obtain another lot.*

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh, (for he *was* the [a] first-born of Joseph,) *to wit,* for [b] Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

a Genes. 41. 51. & 46. 20. b Genes. 50. 23. Numb. 26. 29. & 32. 39, 40. 1 Chron. 7. 14.

2 There was also *a lot* for [c] the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; [d] for the children of ‖ Abi-ezer, and for the children of Helek, [e] and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, [f] and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male-children of Manasseh the son of Joseph, by their families.

c Numb. 26. 29. d 1 Chron. 7. 18. ‖ Or, *Jezer,* Numb. 26. 30. e Numb. 26. 31. f Numb. 26. 32.

3 ¶ But [g] Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

g Numb. 26. 33. & 27. 1. &, 36. 2.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

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5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side Jordan;

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lieth* before Shechem, and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah, on the border of Manasseh, *belonged* to the children of Ephraim:

9 And the coast descended unto the || river Kanah, southward of the river: [h] these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh; the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea.

|| Or, *brook of reeds.*

h Chap. 16. 9.

10 Southward *it was* Ephraim's, and northward *it was* Manasseh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 [i] And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countries.

i 1 Chron. 7. 29.

12 ¶ Yet [k] the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

k Judges 1. 27.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

14 ¶ [l] And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

l Chap. 16. 4.

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood-*country*, and cut down for thyself there, in the land of the Perizzites, and of the || giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

|| Or, *Rephaims.*

16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have [m] chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* [n] of the valley of Jezreel.

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m Judges 4. 3.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot *only:*

n Chap. 19. 18. 1 Kings 4. 12.

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh.*
2 *The remainder of the land is described,* 10 *and divided by lot.*

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together [a] at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there: and the land was subdued before them.

a Chap. 19. 51. & 21. 2. & 22. 9.

2 ¶ And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise and go through the land, and describe it, according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and

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describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel, according to their divisions.

11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, ([b] which *is* Beth-el,) southward, and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side [c] of the nether Beth-horon.

[b] Genes. 28. 19.

[c] Chap. 16. 3.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, (which *is* Kirjath-jearim,) a city of the children of Judah. This *was* the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah;

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, [d] to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to [e] En-rogel,

[d] Chap. 15. 8.

[e] Chap. 15. 7.

17 And was drawn from the north; and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over against the going up of Adummim, and descended to [f] the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben,

[f] Chap. 15. 6.

18 And passed along toward the side over against ‖ Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah;

‖ Or, *The plain.*

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the outgoings of the border were at the north † bay of the salt-sea, at the south end of Jordan. This *was* the south coast.

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† Heb. *tongue.*

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 ¶ Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba: twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebusi, (which *is* Jerusalem,) Gibeath, *and* Kirjath: fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The lot of Simeon,* 10 *of Zebulun,* 17 *of Issachar,* 24 *of Asher,* 32 *of Naphtali,* 40 *of Dan.* 49 *The children of Israel give an inheritance to Joshua among them.*

AND the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon, according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

2 And [a] they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

[a] 1 Chron. 4. 28.

3 And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen: thirteen cities and their villages.

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan: four cities and their villages.

8 And all the villages that *were* round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon, according to their families.

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9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun, according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.

b Genes. 49. 13.

11 [b]And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that *is* [c]before Jokneam,

c Chap. 12. 22.

12 And turned from Sarid eastward, toward the sun-rising, unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Rem-mon-||methoar to Neah;

‖ Or, *which is drawn.*

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon; and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiphthah-el;

15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun, according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ *And* the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of Issachar, according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19 And Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez;

22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar, according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher, according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath;

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27 And turneth toward the sun-rising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el, toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, [d]*even* unto great Zidon;

d Judges 1. 31.

29 And *then* the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city †Tyre, and the coast turneth to Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea, from the coast to [e]Achzib;

† Heb. *Tzor.*

e Genes. 38. 5. Judg. 1. 31. Mic. 1. 14.

30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher, according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali, according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And *then* [f]the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sun-rising.

f Deuter. 33. 23.

35 And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

38 And Iron, and Midgal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ *And* the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families.

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

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45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border || before || Japho.

|| Or, *over against.*

|| Or, *Joppa,* Acts 9. 36.

47 And [g] the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them; therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, [h] Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

g See Judg. 18.

h Judges 18. 29.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan, according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city which he asked, *even* [i] Timnath-[k] serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

i Chap. 24. 30.

k 1 Chron. 7. 24.

51 [l] These *are* the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot [m] in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

l Numb. 34. 17.

m Chap. 18. 1.

CHAP. XX.

1 *God commandeth, and the Israelites appoint six cities of refuge.*

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, [a] Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses;

a Exod. 21. 13. Numb. 35. 6, 11, 14. Deuter. 19. 2, 9.

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares, *and* unwittingly, may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 [b] And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

b Numb. 35. 12.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* [c] until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

c Numb. 35. 12, 25.

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7 ¶ And they † appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba (which *is* Hebron) in the mountain of Judah.

† Heb. *sanctified.*

8 And on the other side Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned [d] Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

d Deuter. 4. 43. 1 Chron. 6. 78.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Eight and forty cities given by lot out of the other tribes unto the Levites.*
43 *God gave the Israelites rest.*

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel;

2 And they spake unto them at [a] Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, saying, [b] The LORD commanded, by the hand of Moses, to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.

a Chap. 18. 1.

b Numb. 35. 2.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites, out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and [c] the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, [d] had by lot, out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

c Verse 8, 19.

d See Chap. 24. 33.

5 And [e] the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

e Verse 20, &c.

6 And [f] the children of Gershon *had* by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

f Verse 27, &c.

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7 [g] The children of Merari, by their families, *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

[g] Verse 34, &c.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* † mentioned by name,

† Heb. *called.*

10 Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: (for theirs was the first lot.)

‖ Or, *Kirjath-arba,* Gen. 23. 2.

11 And they gave them ‖ the city of Arba, the father of [h] Anak, (which *city is* Hebron,) in the hill-*country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

h Chap. 15. 13, 14.

i Chap. 14. 14. 1 Chron. 6. 56.

12 But [i] the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

k 1 Chron. 6. 57. l Chap. 15. 54.

13 ¶ Thus [k] they gave to the children of Aaron the priest [l] Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, [m] and Libnah with her suburbs,

m Chap. 15. 42.

n Chap. 15. 48. o Chap. 15. 50.

14 And [n] Jattir with her suburbs, [o] and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

p 1 Chron. 6. 58. *Hilen,* Chap. 15. 51. q Chap. 15. 49.

15 And [p] Holon with her suburbs, [q] and Debir with her suburbs,

r 1 Chron. 6. 59. *Ashan,* Chap. 15. 42. s Chap. 15. 55. t Chap. 15. 10. u 1 Chron. 6. 60. *Alemeth.*

16 And [r] Ain with her suburbs, [s] and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* [t] Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and [u] Almon with her suburbs: four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron the priests *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs: four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: four cities.

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25 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs, for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 ¶ And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half-tribe of Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Beesh-terah with her suburbs: two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs: four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hamath-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs: three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites, according to their families, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs,

35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs: four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs: four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari, by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were, *by* their lot, twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites, within the possession of the children of Israel, *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

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42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.

x Chap. 11. 23.

44 [x] And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

y Chap. 23. 14, 15.

45 [y] There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel: all came to pass.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *The two tribes and half sent home:* 10 *they build the altar of testimony in their journey,* &c.

THEN Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,

2 And said unto them, Ye have

a Numb. 32. 20. Deut. 3. 18.

kept [a] all that Moses, the servant of the LORD, commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your pos-

b Numb. 32. 33. Deut. 29. 8. Chap. 13. 8.

session, [b] which Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave you on the other side Jordan.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment, and the law, which Moses, the servant of the LORD, charged you, [c] to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul.

c Deuter. 10. 12.

6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

7 ¶ Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given *possession* in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them:

8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: [d] divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

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d Numb. 31. 27. 1 Sam. 30. 14.

9 ¶ And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

12 And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, [e] to go up to war against them.

e Deuter. 13. 14. Judges 20. 12.

13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, [f] Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest;

f Exod. 6. 25. Numb. 25. 7.

14 And with him ten princes, of each † chief house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

† Heb. *house of the father.*

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the LORD?

17 *Is* the iniquity [g] of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, (although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,)

g Numb. 25. 3, 4. Deuter. 4. 3.

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18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the LORD, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar, besides the altar of the LORD our God.

h Chap. 7. 1, 5.

20 [h] Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, answered and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require *it;*

† Heb. *To-morrow.*

24 And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, † In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad; ye have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice:

i Genes. 31. 48. Chap. 24. 27. Verse 34.

27 But *that* it *may be* [i] a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you.

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29 God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God, that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spake, † it pleased them.

† Heb. *it was good in their eyes.*

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: † now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

† Heb. *then.*

32 ¶ And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, called the altar || *Ed:* for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

‖ That is, A witness: So Chap. 24. 27.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Joshua's exhortation before his death,*
3 *by former benefits,* 5 *by promises,*
11 *and by threatenings.*

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AND it came to pass, a long time after that the LORD [a] had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old, *and* † stricken in age.

† Heb. *come into days.*

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, *and* for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all

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these nations because of you; for the [b] LORD your God *is* he that hath fought for you.

[b] Exod. 14. 14.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea † westward.

† Heb. *at the sunset.*

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, [c] as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

[c] Numb. 33. 53.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, [d] that ye turn not aside therefrom *to* the right hand or *to* the left;

[d] Deuter. 5. 32. & 28. 14.

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither [e] make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them,* neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

[e] Exod. 23. 13. Numb. 32. 38. Psal. 16. 4. Jerem. 5. 7. Zeph. 1. 5.

8 || But [f] cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

|| Or, *For if ye will cleave,* &c.

[f] Deuter. 11. 22.

9 || For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

|| Or, *Then the LORD will drive.*

10 [g] One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, [h] as he hath promised you.

[g] Levit. 26. 8. Deuter. 32. 30. See Judg. 3. 31. & 15. 15. 2 Sam. 23. 8.

[h] Exod. 14. 14. & 23. 27.

11 Take good heed therefore unto your † selves, that ye love the LORD your God.

† Heb. *souls.*

12 Else, if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty, that [i] the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; [k] but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

[i] Judges 2. 3.

[k] Exod. 23. 33. Numb. 33. 55. Deut. 7. 16.

14 And, behold, this day [l] I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts, and in all your souls, that [m] not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

[l] 1 Kings 2. 2. See Hebr. 9. 27.

[m] Chap. 21. 45.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you [n] all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

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[n] Levit. 26. 16. Deuter. 28. 15, 16.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Joshua assembling the tribes,* 2 *relateth God's benefits:* 14 *he reneweth the covenant between God and them.*

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 ¶ And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [a] Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and [b] they served other gods.

[a] Genes. 11. 26, 31. Judith 5. 6, 7.

[b] Genes. 31. 53.

3 And [c] I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and [d] gave him Isaac.

[c] Genes. 12. 1.

[d] Genes. 21. 2.

4 And I gave unto Isaac [e] Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto [f] Esau mount Seir, to possess it; [g] but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

[e] Genes. 25. 24, 26.

[f] Genes. 36. 8. Deuter. 2. 5.

[g] Genes. 46. 1, 6.

5 [h] I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them; and afterward I brought you out.

[h] Exod. 3. 10.

6 And I [i] brought your fathers out of Egypt: and [k] ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto [l] the Red sea.

[i] Exod. 12. 37.

[k] Exod. 14. 2.

[l] Exod. 14. 9.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; [m] and they fought with you: and I gave them into your

[m] Numb. 21. 21, 33. Deut. 2. 32.

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hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then [n] Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and [o] sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; [p] therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And [q] ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and [r] the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And [s] I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* [t] not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and [u] cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 ¶ Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and [x] put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt, and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, [y] choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served, that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land; *therefore* will we also serve the LORD, for he *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; [z] he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, [a] then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

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21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that [b] ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away (*said he*) the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua [c] made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance [d] in Shechem.

26 ¶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took [e] a great stone, and set it up there [f] under an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for [g] it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So [h] Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ [i] And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in [k] Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31 And [l] Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that † overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

32 ¶ And [m] the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of [n] the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for an hundred ‖ pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died, and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* [o] Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

n See Judg. 11. 25.
o Numb. 22. 5. Deut. 23. 4.
p Numb. 23. 11.
q Chap. 3. 14. & 4. 10.
r Chap. 6. 1. & 10. 1. & 11. 1.
s Exod. 23. 28. Deut. 7. 20.
t Psalm 44. 3, 6.
u Deuter. 6. 10, 11.
x Levit. 17. 7. Ezekiel 20. 18. & 23. 3.
y See Ruth 1. 15. 1 Kings 18. 21. Ezekiel 20. 39. John 6. 67.
z Exod. 23. 21.
a Chap. 23. 15.
b Psalm 119. 173.
c See Exod. 15. 25.
d Verse 26.
e See Judg. 9. 6.
f Genes. 35. 4.
g See Deut. 32. 1.
h Judges 2. 6.
i Judges 2. 8.
cir. 1426.
k Chap. 19. 50. Judg. 2. 9.
l Judges 2. 7.
† Heb. *prolonged* their *days after Joshua.*
m Genes. 50. 25. Exod. 13. 19.
n Genes. 33. 19.
‖ Or, *lambs.*
cir. 1420.
o Judges 20. 28.

CHAP. I.

1 *The acts of Judah and Simeon.* 6 *Adoni-bezek justly requited.* 8 *Jerusalem,* 10 *and Hebron taken.*

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NOW, after the death of Joshua, it came to pass, that the children of Israel [a] asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

a Numb. 27. 21. Chap. 20. 18.

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled: and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

† Heb. *the thumbs of their hands and of their feet.*

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having † their thumbs and their great toes cut off, ‖ gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

‖ Or, *gleaned.*

b See Josh. 15. 63.

8 Now [b] the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

c Joshua 10. 36. & 11. 21. & 15. 13.

9 ¶ [c] And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the ‖ valley.

‖ Or, *low country.*

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron, (now the name of Hebron before *was* [d] Kirjath-arba;) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

d Joshua 15. 13.

e Joshua 15. 15, &c.

11 [e] And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: (and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:)

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f Joshua 15. 16.

12 [f] And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, [g] Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

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g Chap. 3. 9.

14 And it came to pass, when she came *to him,* that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, [h] Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

h Genes. 33. 11.

16 ¶ [i] And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up out [k] of the city of palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of [l] Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

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i Chap. 4. 11, 17. 1 Sam. 15. 6. 1 Chron. 2. 55. Jer. 35. 2.

k Deuter. 34. 3.

l Numb. 21. 1.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it: (and the name of the city was called [m] Hormah.)

m Numb. 21. 3.

18 Also Judah took [n] Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

Josh. 19. 4.

n Joshua 11. 22.

19 And the LORD was with Judah; and ‖ he drave out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had [o] chariots of iron.

‖ Or, *he possessed the moun tain.*

o Joshua 17. 16, 18.

20 [p] And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

p Numb. 14. 24. Joshua 14. 9, 13. & 15. 13.

21 ¶ And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem [q] unto this day.

q Joshua 15. 63.

22 ¶ And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: [r] and the LORD *was* with them.

r Verse 19.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el: (now the name of the city before *was* [s] Luz.)

s Genes. 28. 19.

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and [t] we will shew thee mercy.

t Joshua 2. 12, 14.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz:

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which *is* the name thereof unto this day.

u Josh. 17. 11, 12, 13.

27 ¶ [u] Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

x Joshua 16. 10. 1 Kings 9. 16.

29 ¶ [x] Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

y Joshua 19. 15.

30 ¶ [y] Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

z Josh. 19. 24,---30.

31 ¶ [z] Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 ¶ Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 ¶ And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres [a] in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the house of Joseph † prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

a Joshua 19. 42.

† Heb. *was heavy.*

36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* [b] from || the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

b Numb. 34. 4.

|| Or, *Maaleh-akrabbim.*

CHAP. II.

1 *An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.* 10 *The wickedness of the new generation after Joshua.*

|| Or, *messenger.*

AND an || angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal [a] to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you into the land which I sware unto your fathers; and [b] I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

a Verse 5.

b Genes. 17. 7.

2 And [c] ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; [d] ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

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c Deut. 7. 2.

d Deuter. 12. 3.

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be [e] *as thorns* in your sides, and [f] their gods shall be a [g] snare unto you.

e Joshua 23. 13.

f Chap. 3. 6.

g Exod. 23. 33. & 34. 12. Deut. 7. 16.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place || Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

|| That is, *Weepers.*

6 ¶ And when [h] Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

cir. 1444.

h Joshua 22. 6. & 24. 28.

7 [i] And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that † outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

i Joshua 24. 31.

† Heb. *prolonged days after Joshua.*

8 And [k] Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

k Joshua 24. 29. cir. 1426.

9 [l] And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in [m] Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

l Joshua 24. 30.

m Joshua 19. 50. & 24. 30, *Timnath-serah.*

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

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13 And they forsook the LORD, [n] and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

n Chap. 3. 7. & 10. 6.

14 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and [o] he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

o Psalm 44. 12. Isa. 50. 1.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said,

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and [p] as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

p Levit. 26. Deuter. 28.

16 ¶ Nevertheless [q] the LORD raised up judges, which † delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

q Chap. 3. 9, 10, 15.

† Heb. *saved.*

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: [r] for it repented the LORD because of their groanings, by reason of them that oppressed them, and vexed them.

r See Genes. 6. 6. Deuter. 32. 36.

19 And it came to pass, [s] when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and ‖ corrupted *themselves* more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them: † they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

s Chap. 3. 12. & 4. 1. & 8. 33.

‖ Or, *were corrupt.*

† Heb. *they let nothing fall of their.*

20 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice,

21 [t] I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died;

t Joshua 23. 13.

22 [u] That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not.

u Chap. 3. 4.

23 Therefore the LORD ‖ left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

‖ Or, *suffered.*

CHAP. III.

1 *The nations which were left to prove Israel:* 5 *by communion with them they commit idolatry.*

NOW these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them; (*even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;)

3 *Namely,* [a] five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath.

a Joshua 13. 3.

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4 [b] And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

b Chap. 2. 22.

5 ¶ And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:

6 And [c] they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

c Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

7 [d] And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, [e] and served Baalim and [f] the groves:

d Chap. 2. 11.

e Chap. 2. 13.

f Exod. 34. 13. Deuter. 16. 21. Chap. 6. 25.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of [g] Chushan-rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

g Hab. 3. 7.

† Heb. *Aram-naharaim.*

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9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a † deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* [h] Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

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† Heb. *saviour.*

h Chap. 1. 13.

10 And [i] the Spirit of the LORD † came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

i See Numb. 27. 18. Chap. 6. 34. & 11. 29. & 13. 25. 1 Sam. 11. 6.

† Heb. *was.*

† Heb. *Aram.*

11 And the land had rest forty years: and Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ [k] And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened [l] Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

k Chap. 2. 19.

cir. 1334.

l 1 Sam. 12. 9.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and [m] Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed [n] the city of palm-trees.

m Chap. 5. 14.

n Chap. 1. 16.

14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, ‖ a Benjamite, a man † left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

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‖ Or, *the son of Jemini.*

† Heb. *shut of his right hand,* Chap. 20. 16.

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16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon *was* a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again [o] from the ‖ quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

[o] Joshua 4. 20.
‖ Or, *graven images.*

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in † a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone: and Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat.

† Heb. *a parlour of cooling:* See Amos 3. 15.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and ‖ the dirt came out.

‖ Or, *it came out at the fundament.*

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he ‖ covereth his feet in his summer-chamber.

‖ Or, *doeth his easement.*

25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key and opened *them:* and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that [p] he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

[p] Chap. 5. 14. & 6. 34.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me; for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 ¶ And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all † lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

† Heb. *fat.*

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30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 ¶ And after him was [q] Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered [r] Israel.

[q] Chap. 5. 6, 8. 1 Sam. 13. 19, 22. It seems to concern only the country next to the Philistines, cir. 1306.
[r] So part is called Israel, Chap. 4. 1, 3, &c. & 10. 7, 17. & 11. 4, &c. 1 Sam. 4. 1.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Deborah and Barak deliver Israel from Jabin and Sisera.* 18 *Jael killeth Sisera.*

AND [a] the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead.

cir. 1316.
[a] Chap. 2. 19.

2 And the LORD [b] sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned [c] in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* [d] Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

[b] Chap. 2. 14.
[c] Joshua 19. 36.
[d] 1 Sam. 12. 9. Psal. 83. 9. It seems to concern only North Israel.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD; for he had nine hundred [e] chariots of iron: and twenty years [f] he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

[e] Chap. 1. 19.
[f] Chap. 5. 8.

4 ¶ And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 [g] And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

[g] Genes. 35. 8.

6 And she sent and called [h] Barak the son of Abinoam out [i] of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying,* Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun?

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[h] Hebr. 11. 32.
[i] Joshua 19. 37.

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the [k] river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots, and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

[k] Chap. 5. 21. Psalm 83. 9, 10.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men [l] at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

[l] See 1 Kings 20. 10.

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11 Now Heber [m] the Kenite, *which* *was* of the children of [n] Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, [o] which *is* by Kedesh.

12 And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera †gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: [p] is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And [q] the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Barak: so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not †a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 ¶ And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a ||mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened [r] a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent; and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a nail of the tent, and †took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: (for he was fast asleep, and weary:) so he died.

22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

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23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel †prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

The song of Deborah and Barak.

THEN sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, [a] when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes: I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, [b] when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, [c] the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 [d] The mountains †melted from before the LORD, *even* [e] that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the days of [f] Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of [g] Jael, [h] the highways were unoccupied, and the †travellers walked through †byways.

7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose [i] a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then *was* war in the gates: [k] was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart *is* toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 ||Speak, ye [l] that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the †righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *toward* *the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah; awake, awake, utter a song: arise,

m Chap. 1. 16.
n Numb. 10. 29.
o Verse 6.
† Heb. *gathered by cry*, or, *proclamation.*
p 2 Sam. 5. 24. Psal. 68. 7.
q Psalm 83. 9, 10.
† Heb. *unto one.*
|| Or, *rug*, or, *blanket.*
r Chap. 5. 25.
† Heb. *put.*
† Heb. *going went, and was hard.*
a 2 Chron. 17. 16. 1Mac. 2. 42.
b Deuter. 4. 11. & 33. 2.
c 2 Sam. 22. 8. Psal. 68. 8. Isaiah 64. 3. Hab. 3. 3.
d Psalm 97. 5.
† Heb. *flowed.*
e Exod. 19. 18.
f Chap. 3. 31.
g Chap. 4. 17.
h Levit. 26. 22. 2 Chron. 15. 5. Isa. 33. 8. Lam. 1. 4. & 4. 18.
† Heb. *walkers of paths.*
† Heb. *crooked ways.*
i Isaiah 49. 23.
k So 1 Sam. 13. 19, 22. Chap. 4. 3.
|| Or, *Meditate.*
l Chap. 10. 4. & 12. 14.
† Heb. *righteousnesses of the LORD.*

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Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 [m] Out of Ephraim *was there* a root of them [n] against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people: out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that † handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah; even Issachar, and also [o] Barak: he was sent on † foot into the valley. ‖ For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great † thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou [p] among the sheep-folds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? ‖ For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? [q] Asher continued on the sea-‖ shore, and abode in his ‖ breaches.

18 [r] Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that* † jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came *and* fought; then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; [s] they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from heaven; [t] the stars in their † courses fought against Sisera.

21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Then were the horse-hoofs broken by the means of the ‖ prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Meroz, (said the angel of the LORD,) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; [u] because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall [x] Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be; blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 [y] He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and † with the hammer she smote Sisera; she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

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27 † At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down † dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot *so* long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned † answer to herself,

30 [z] Have they not sped? have they *not* divided the prey; † to every man a damsel *or* two? to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needle-work, of divers colours of needle-work on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* [a] as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Israelites for their sin are oppressed by Midian:* 8 *a prophet rebuketh them:* 11 *an angel sendeth Gideon to deliver them.*

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand [a] of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian † prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them [b] the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And *so* it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, [c] and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza; and left no sustenance for Israel, neither ‖ sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

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7 ¶ And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

m Chap. 3. 27.
n Chap. 3. 13.
† Heb. *draw with the pen, &c.*
o Chap. 4. 14.
† Heb. *his feet.*
‖ Or, *In the divisions, &c.*
† Heb. *impressions.*
p Numb. 32. 1.
‖ Or, *In.*
q Joshua 19. 29.
‖ Or, *port.*
‖ Or, *creeks.*
r Chap. 4. 10.
† Heb. *exposed to reproach.*
s Chap. 4. 16. Psal. 44. 12.
t Chap. 4. 15.
† Heb. *paths.*
‖ Or, *tramplings, or, plungings.*
u Chap. 21. 9, 10. Neh. 3. 5.
x Chap. 4. 17.
y Chap. 4. 19.
† Heb. *she hammered.*

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† Heb. *between.*
† Heb. *destroyed.*
† Heb. *her words.*
z Exod. 15. 9.
† Heb. *to the head of a man.*
a 2 Sam. 23. 4.

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a Hab. 3. 7.
† Heb. *was strong.*
b 1 Sam. 13. 6.
c Chap. 7. 12. & 8. 10.
‖ Or, *goat.*

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8 That the LORD sent † a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

† Heb. *a man a prophet.*

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land:

10 And I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; [d] fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

[d] 2 Kings 17. 35, 38. Jer. 10. 2.

11 ¶ And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the [e] Abi-ezrite: and his son [f] Gideon thrashed wheat by the wine-press, † to hide *it* from the Midianites.

[e] Joshua 17. 2.

[f] Hebr. 11. 32. called *Gedeon.*

† Heb. *to cause it to flee.*

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, [g] Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

[g] 1 Sam. 12. 11. Hebr. 11. 32.

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, [h] † my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.

[h] See 1 Sam. 9. 21.

† Heb. *my thousand* is *the meanest:* Exod. 18. 21, 25. Micah 5. 2.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and [i] bring forth my ‖ present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

Chap. 13. 15.

‖ Or, *meat-offering.*

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready † a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it.*

† Heb. *a kid of the goats.*

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20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and [k] pour out the broth. And he did so.

[k] See 1 Kings 18. 33, 34.

21 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and [l] there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

[l] Levit. 9. 24.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! [m] for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.

[m] Genes. 16. 13. & 32. 30. Exod. 33. 20. Chap. 13. 22.

23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ‖ Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it *is* yet [n] in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

‖ That is, *The LORD send peace:* See Exod. 17. 15.

[n] Chap. 8. 32.

25 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, ‖ even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and [o] cut down the grove that *is* by it;

‖ Or, *and.*

[o] Exod. 34. 13. Deut. 7. 5.

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this † rock, ‖ in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

† Heb. *strong place.*

‖ Or, *in an orderly manner.*

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal?

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will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him [p] Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

p 2 Sam. 11. 21, *Jerubbesheth*; that is, *Let the shameful thing plead.*

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, were gathered together, and went over, [q] and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

q Joshua 17. 16.

34 But [r] the Spirit of the LORD † came upon Gideon, and he [s] blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer † was gathered after him.

r 1 Chron. 12. 18. 2 Chron. 24. 20.

† Heb. *clothed.*

s Numb. 10. 3. Chap. 5. 27.

† Heb. *was called after him.*

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

36 ¶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl-full of water.

t Genes. 18. 32.

39 And Gideon said unto God, [t] Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Gideon's army:* 9 *he is encouraged by the dream, and the interpretation of the barley-cake:* 16 *his stratagem.* 25 *Oreb and Zeeb taken.*

a Chap. 6. 32.

THEN [a] Jerubbaal, (who *is* Gideon,) and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

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3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, [b] Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him return, and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand, and there remained ten thousand.

b Deuter. 20. 8. 1 Mac. 3. 56.

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel, every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men. And the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host:

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the ‖ armed men that *were* in the host.

‖ Or, *ranks by five.*

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and [c] all the children of the east, lay along in the valley like grashoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea-side for multitude.

c Chap. 6. 33. & 8. 10.

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13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

15 ¶ And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and † the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

† Heb. *the breaking thereof.*

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put † a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and ‖ lamps within the pitchers.

† Heb. *trumpets in the hand of all of them.*
‖ Or, *firebrands, or, torches.*

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be, *that* as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon.

19 ¶ So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

d Josh. 6. 4, 16, 20. See 2 Cor. 4. 7.
e Psal. 83. 9. Isaiah 9. 4.
f 1 Sam. 14. 20. 2 Chron. 20. 23.
‖ Or, *toward.*
† Heb. *lip.*

22 And the three hundred [d] blew the trumpets, and [e] the LORD set [f] every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah ‖ in Zererath, *and* to the † border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites.

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24 ¶ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto [g] Beth-barah and Jordan.

g John 1. 28.

25 And they took [h] two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb: and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine-press of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

h Psalm 83. 11. Isa. 10. 26.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Ephraimites pacified.* 10 *Zebah and Zalmunna taken.* 33 *The Israelites' idolatry and ingratitude.*

AND [a] the men of Ephraim said unto him, † Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him † sharply.

a See Chap. 12. 1. 2 Sam. 19. 41.
† Heb. *What thing is this thou hast done unto us?*
† Heb. *strongly.*

2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their † anger was abated toward him when he had said that.

† Heb. *spirit.*

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them.*

5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 ¶ And the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that [b] we should give bread unto thine army?

b See 1 Sam. 25. 11.

7 And Gideon said, Therefore, when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will † tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness, and with briers.

† Heb. *thrash.*

8 And he went up thence [c] to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him.*

c Genes. 32. 30.

9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

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10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell ||an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

|| Or, *an hundred and twenty thousand, every one drawing a sword.*

11 ¶ And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of [d] Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

d Numb. 32. 35, 42.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and [e] took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and † discomfited all the host.

e Psalm 83. 11.

† Heb. *terrified.*

13 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up*,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he † described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men.

† Heb. *writ.*

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness, and briers, and with them he † taught the men of Succoth.

† Heb. *made to know.*

17 And he beat down the tower of [f] Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

f 1 Kings 12. 25.

18 ¶ Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one † resembled the children of a king.

† Heb. *according to the form, &c.*

19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Jether his first-born, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is, so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the || ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

|| Or, *ornaments like the moon.*

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: [g] the LORD shall rule over you.

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g 1 Sam. 8. 7. & 10. 19. & 12. 12.

24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the ear-rings of his prey: (for they had golden ear-rings, [h] because they *were* Ishmaelites.)

h Genes. 25. 13.

25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold, beside ornaments, and || collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks.

|| Or, *sweet jewels.*

27 And Gideon [i] made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* [k] in Ophrah; and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

i Chap. 17. 5.

k Chap. 6. 24.

28 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more: and the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons † of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

† Heb. *going out of his thigh.*

31 And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he † called Abimelech.

† Heb. *set.*

32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, [l] in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

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l Chap. 6. 24.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, [m] and made Baal-berith their god.

m Chap. 9. 4, 46.

34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Abimelech is made king.* 7 *Jotham, by a parable, rebuketh the Shechemites, and foretelleth their ruin.*

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, unto [a] his mother's brethren, and communed

a Chap. 8. 31.

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with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, † Whether *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

† Heb. *What* is *good? whether*, &c.

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined †to follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother.

‡ Heb. *after.*

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith; wherewith Abimelech hired [b] vain and light persons, which followed him.

b Chap. 11. 3.

5 And he went unto his father's house [c] at Ophrah, and slew his brethren, the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, was left; for he hid himself.

c Chap. 6. 24.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, || by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

|| Or, *by the oak of the pillar:* See Joshua 24. 26.

7 ¶ And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of [d] mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

d Deuter. 11. 29.

8 [e] The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us.

e See 2 Kings 14. 9.

9 But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, [f] wherewith by me they honour God and man, and †go to be promoted over the trees?

f Psalm 104. 15.
† Heb. *go up and down for* other *trees.*

10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, [g] which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

g Psalm 104. 15.

14 Then said all the trees unto the || bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

|| Or, *thistle.*

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow; and if not, [h] let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

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h Ezekiel 19. 14.

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

17 (For my father fought for you, and †adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

† Heb. *cast his life.*

18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother:)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you:

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went [i] to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

i 2 Sam. 20. 14.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

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23 Then [k] God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

k 1 Sam. 16. 14. See 1 Kings 22. 22. 2 Chron. 10. 15. & 18. 19, *&c.*

24 That the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them, and upon the men of Shechem, which †aided him in the killing of his brethren.

† Heb. *strengthened his hands to kill.*

25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes,* and made || merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

|| Or, *songs.* See Isa. 16. 9, 10. Jer. 25. 30.

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28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem; for why should we serve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was ‖ kindled.

‖ Or, *hot.*

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech † privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed, and his brethren, be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

† Heb. *craftily*, or, *to Tormah.*

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with thee, and lie in wait in the field;

33 And it shall be, *that* in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them † as thou shalt find occasion.

† Heb. *as thine hand shall find.*

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

37 And Gaal spake again, and said, See, there come people down by the † middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of ‖ Meonenim.

† Heb. *navel.*

‖ Or, *the regarders of the times.*

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? *Is* not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him; and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

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42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and [l] beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

[l] Deuter. 29. 23. Judges 9. 45.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard *that*, they entered into an hold of the house [m] of the god Berith.

[m] Chap. 8. 33.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen † me do, make haste, *and* do as I *have done.*

† Heb. *I have done.*

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 And a certain woman [n] cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to break his scull.

[n] 2 Sam. 11. 21.

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54 Then [o] he called hastily unto the young man his armour-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

[o] So 1 Sam. 31. 4.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.

1 *Tola judgeth Israel.* 7 *The Philistines and Ammonites oppress Israel;* 10 *their misery;* 15 *upon their repentance God pitieth them.*

AND after Abimelech there arose, to ‖ † defend Israel, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

‖ Or, *deliver.* † Heb. *save.*

cir. 1183.

2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that [a] rode on thirty ass-colts, and they had thirty cities, [b] which are called ‖ Havothjair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

[a] Chap. 5. 10. & 12. 14.

[b] Deuter. 3. 14.

‖ Or, *The villages of Jair:* Numb. 32. 41.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

cir. 1161.

6 ¶ And [c] the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and [d] Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

[c] Chap. 2. 11. & 3. 7. & 4. 1. & 6. 1. & 13. 1.

[d] Chap. 2. 13.

7 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he [e] sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

[e] Chap. 2. 14. 1 Sam. 12. 9.

‖ *And from that* time. † Heb. *crushed.*

8 ‖ And that year they vexed and † oppressed the children of Israel eighteen years, all the children of Israel that *were* on the other side Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

9 Moreover, the children of Ammon passed over Jordan, to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

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10 ¶ [f] And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

[f] 1 Sam. 12. 10.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, [g] from the children of Ammon, [h] and from the Philistines?

[g] Chap. 3. 12, 13.

[h] Chap. 3. 31.

12 [i] The Zidonians also, [k] and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

[i] Chap. 5. 19.

[k] Chap. 6. 3.

13 [l] Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

[l] Deuter. 32. 15. Jer. 2. 13.

14 Go and [m] cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

[m] Deuter. 32. 37, 38. Jer. 2. 28.

15 ¶ And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever † seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

† Heb. *is good in thine eyes.*

16 And they put away the † strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and [n] his soul † was grieved for the misery of Israel.

† Heb. *gods of strangers.*

[n] Isaiah 63. 9.

† Heb. *was shortened.*

17 Then the children of Ammon were † gathered together, and encamped in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in [o] Mizpeh.

† Heb. *cried together.*

[o] Chap. 11. 11.

18 And the people *and* princes of Gilead said one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall [p] be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

[p] Chap. 11. 8, 11.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Jephthah's covenant with the Gileadites:* 29 *his vow;* 34 *he performeth his vow on his daughter.*

NOW [a] Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the son of an † harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

[a] Hebr. 11. 32, called *Jephthae.*

† Heb. *a woman an harlot.*

2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons: and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou *art* the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled † from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered [b] vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

† Heb. *from the face.*

[b] Chap. 9. 4. 1Sam. 22. 2.

4 ¶ And it came to pass, † in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel.

† Heb. *after days.*

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5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob:

6 And they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, [c] Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

8 [d] And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD † be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words [e] before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, [f] Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon;

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, [g] Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came up from Egypt, and [h] walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and [i] came to Kadesh;

17 Then [k] Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: [l] but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not *consent*: and Israel abode in Kadesh.

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18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and [m] compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and [n] came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, [o] but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

19 And [p] Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, [q] Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 [r] But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed [s] all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?

24 Wilt not thou possess that [t] which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.

25 [u] And now, *art* thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,

26 While Israel dwelt in [x] Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him.

29 ¶ Then [y] the Spirit of the LORD came upon ‖ Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and

c Genes. 26. 27.
d Chap. 10. 18.
† Heb. *be the hearer between us.*
e Chap. 10. 17. & 20. 1. 1 Sam. 10. 17.
cir. 1143.
f Numb. 21. 24.
g Deuter. 2. 9, 19.
h Numb. 14. 25.
i Numb. 20. 1.
k Numb. 20. 14.
l Numb. 20. 18, 21.
m Numb. 21. 4. Deuter. 2. 1,--8.
n Numb. 21. 11.
o Numb. 21. 13. & 22. 36.
p Deuter. 2. 26.
q Numb. 21. 22.
r Numb. 21. 23. Deut. 2. 32.
s Deuter. 2. 36.
t Numb. 21. 29.
u Numb. 22. 2. Deuter. 2. 9. Josh. 24. 9.
x Numb. 21. 25.
y Chap. 3. 10.
‖ Jephthah seems to have been judge only of Northeast Israel.

Before CHRIST cir. 1143.

passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

† Heb. *that which cometh forth, which shall come forth.*

31 Then it shall be, that †whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, || [z] and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

|| Or, *I will offer it, &c.*
z Psalm 66. 13.

32 ¶ So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to [a] Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto || the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

a Ezekiel 27. 17.
|| Or, *Abel.*

34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, [b] his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances; and she *was his* only child: || †beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

b Exod. 15. 20. 1 Sam. 18. 6. Psal. 68. 25. Jer. 31. 4.
|| Or, *he had not of his own either son or daughter.*
† Heb. *of himself.*

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may †go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

† Heb. *go and go down.*

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass, at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a || custom in Israel,

|| Or, *ordinance.*

40 *That* the daughters of Israel went †yearly || to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

Before CHRIST cir. 1143.
† Heb. *from year to year.*
|| Or, *to talk with.*

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and being discerned by the word Shibboleth, are slain by the Gileadites.* 7 *Jephthah dieth.*

AND [a] the men of Ephraim †gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

a See Chap. 8. 1.
† Heb. *were called.*

2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites [b] *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites.

b Psalms 78. 9.

5 And the Gileadites took the [c] passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;

c Joshua 22. 11.

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

7 ¶ And Jephthah judged Israel six years: then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

cir. 1137.

8 ¶ And after him || Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel;

|| He seems to have been only a civil judge to do justice in North-east Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons: and he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

Before CHRIST cir. 1130.

11 ¶ And after him || Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel: and he judged Israel ten years.

‖ A civil judge in North-east Israel.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon, in the country of Zebulun.

cir. 1120.

13 ¶ And after him || Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.

‖ A civil judge also in North-east Israel.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty † nephews, that [d] rode on threescore and ten ass-colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

† Heb. *sons' sons.*

d Chap. 5. 10. & 10. 4.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, [e] in the mount of the Amalekites.

cir. 1112.

e Chap. 3. 13, 27. & 5. 14.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Israel is in the hand of the Philistines.* 2 *An angel appeareth to Manoah's wife.* 8 *The angel appeareth to Manoah.* 15 *Manoah's sacrifice, whereby the angel is discovered.* 24 *Samson is born.*

cir. 1161.

AND the children of Israel †[a] did evil again in the sight of the LORD; || and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

† Heb. *added to commit,* &c.

a Chap. 2. 11. & 3. 7. & 4. 1. & 6. 1. & 10. 6.

2 ¶ [b] And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not.

‖ This seems a partial captivity.

b Joshua 19. 41.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and [c] drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing:*

c Numb. 6. 2, 3.

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and [d] no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

d Numb. 6. 5. 1 Sam. 1. 11.

6 ¶ Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was,* neither told he me his name.

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing:* for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

Before CHRIST cir. 1161.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man and spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am.*

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass: † how shall we order the child? and || † *how* shall we do unto him?

† Heb. *what shall be the manner of thee,* &c.

‖ Or, what *shall he do?*

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

† Heb. what shall be *his work?*

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing:* all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 ¶ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, [e] let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid † for thee.

e Genes. 18. 5. Chap. 6. 18.

† Heb. *before thee.*

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, [f] Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* || secret?

f Genes. 32. 29.

‖ Or, *wonderful?* Isaiah 9. 6.

19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat-offering, [g] and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

g Chap. 6. 19, 20.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on *it,* and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 (But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife.) Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

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22 And Manoah said unto his wife, [h] We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

h Genes. 32. 30. Ex. 33. 20. Deut. 5. 26. Chap. 6. 22.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands; neither would he have shewed us all these *things;* nor would, as at this time, have told us *such things* as these.

24 ¶ And the woman bare a son, and called his name [i] Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

i Hebr. 11. 32.

25 [k] And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the † camp of Dan, [l] between Zorah and Eshtaol.

k Chap. 3. 10.

l Joshua 15. 33.

† Hebr. *Mahaneh-dan,* as Chap. 18. 12.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines:* 10 *his marriage-feast,* 12 *and riddle:* 19 *he spoileth thirty Philistines:* 20 *his wife given to another.*

cir. 1141.

AND Samson went down [a] to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

a Genes. 38. 13.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for † she pleaseth me well.

† Heb. *she is right in mine eyes.*

4 But his father and his mother [b] knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

b 1 Kings 12. 15. 2 Chron. 10. 15. & 22. 7. & 25. 20.

5 ¶ Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath; and, behold, a young lion roared † against him.

† Heb. *in meeting him.*

6 And [c] the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

c Chap. 3. 10. & 13. 25. 1 Sam. 11. 6.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

8 ¶ And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

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10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samson said unto them, I will now [d] put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me [e] within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty ‖ sheets, and thirty change of garments:

d 1 Kings 10. 1.

e Genes. 29. 27.

‖ Or, *shirts.*

13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets, and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, [f] lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us † to take that we have? *is it* not *so?*

f Chap. 15. 6.

† Heb. *to possess us?* or, *to impoverish us?*

16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?

17 And she wept before him ‖ the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him; and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

‖ Or, *the rest of the seven days,* &c.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day, before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their ‖ spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle: and his

‖ Or, *apparel.*

Before CHRIST cir. 1141. anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Samson is denied his wife:* 3 *he burneth the Philistines' corn:* 9 *he is bound by the men of Judah, and delivered to the Philistines:* 14 *he killeth them with a jaw-bone.*

cir. 1140. BUT it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat-harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber: but her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly [a] hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? [†] take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them, [‖] Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took [‖] firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing-corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and also the standing-corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. [b] And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves [c] in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah [†] went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

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12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ *And* when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands [†] loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a [†] new jaw-bone of an ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jaw-bone of an ass, [†] heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place [‖] Ramath-lehi.

18 ¶ And he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 But God clave an hollow place that *was* in [‖] the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof [‖] En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day.

20 [‖] And he judged Israel [d] in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

[a] Chap. 14. 20.

[†] Heb. *let her be thine.*

[‖] Or, *Now shall I be blameless from the Philistines, though,* &c.

[‖] Or, *turches.*

[b] Chap. 14. 15.

[c] Verse 19.

[†] Heb. *went down.*

[†] Heb. *were melted.*

[†] Heb. *moist.*

[†] Heb. *an heap, two heaps.*

[‖] That is, *The lifting up of the jaw-bone,* or, *casting away of the jaw-bone.*

[‖] Or, *Lehi.*

[‖] That is, *The well of him that called,* or, *cried.*

[‖] He seems to have judged South-west Israel during twenty years of their servitude of the Philistines. [d] Chap. 13. 1.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Samson carrieth away the gates of Gaza:* 4 *Delilah, corrupted by the Philistines, enticeth him,* 15 *and overcometh him.* 21 *The Philistines put out his eyes.*

cir. 1120 THEN went Samson to Gaza, and saw there [†] an harlot, and went in unto her.

[†] Heb. *a woman an harlot.*

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2 *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were † quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

† Heb. *silent.*

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, † bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

† Heb. *with the bar.*

4 ¶ And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman ‖ in the valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah.

‖ Or, *by the brook.*

5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to ‖ afflict him: and we will give thee, every one of us, eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

‖ Or, *humble.*

6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven † green ‖ withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as † another man.

† Heb. *moist.* ‖ Or, *osiers.* † Heb. *one.*

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 (Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber.) And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it † toucheth the fire: so his strength was not known.

† Heb. *smelleth.*

10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes, † that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

† Heb. *wherewith work hath not been done.*

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. (And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber.) And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

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14 And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 ¶ And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was † vexed unto death,

† Heb. *shortened.*

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto him, [a] There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

a Numb. 6. 5.

18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once; for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out, as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 ¶ But the Philistines took him, and † put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house.

† Heb. *bored out.*

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again ‖ after he was shaven.

‖ Or, *as when he was shaven.*

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said,

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Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, † which slew many of us.

† Heb. *and who multiplied our slain.*

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made † them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

† Heb. *before them.*

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there: and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and ‖ on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

‖ Or, *he leaned on them.*

† Heb. *my soul.*

30 And Samson said, Let † me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein: so the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, [b] and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying-place of Manoah his father: and he judged Israel twenty years.

[b] Chap. 13. 25.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Micah restoring the stolen money to his mother, she maketh images: 7 he hireth a Levite to be his priest.*

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AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image, and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

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4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image, and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an [a] ephod, and [b] teraphim, and † consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

[a] Chap. 8. 27.
[b] Genes. 31. 19. Hosea 3. 4.
† Heb. *filled the hand.*

6 [c] In those days *there was* no king in Israel; [d] *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

[c] Chap. 18. 1. & 21. 25. Deut. 33. 5.
[d] Deuter. 12. 8.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of [e] Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there.

[e] See Josh. 19. 15.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find *a place:* and he came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, † as he journeyed.

† Heb. *in making his way.*

9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place.*

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, [f] and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and ‖ † a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

[f] Chap. 18. 19.
‖ Or, *a double suit,* &c.
† Heb. *an order of garments.*

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man [g] became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

[g] Chap. 18. 30.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my* priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *The Danites send five men to seek out an inheritance:* 27 *they win Laish.*

IN [a] those days *there was* no king in Israel; and in those days [b] the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in: for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

[a] Chap. 17. 6. & 21. 25.
[b] Joshua 19. 47.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, † men of valour, from [c] Zorah,

† Heb. sons
[c] Chap. 13. 25.

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and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who, when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place?* and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

7 ¶ Then the five men departed, and came to [d] Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, [e] how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no † magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

d Joshua 19. 47. called *Leshem.*
e Verse 27, 28.
† Heb. *possessor, or, heir of restraint.*

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol; and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it *is* very good; and *are* ye still? Be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah, and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men † appointed with weapons of war.

† Heb. *girded.*

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place [f] Mahaneh-dan unto this day; behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-jearim.

f Chap. 13. 25.

13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Before CHRIST cir. 1406.

[g] Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

g Chap. 17. 5.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and † saluted him.

† Heb. *asked him of peace.*

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, [h] and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

h Chap. 17. 10.

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattle, and the carriage, before them.

22 ¶ *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, † that thou comest with such a company?

† Heb. *that thou art gathered together.*

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away; and what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest † angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

† Heb. *bitter of soul.*

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that

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they *were* too strong for him, he turned, and went back unto his house.

27 And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto [i] a people *that were* at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

i Verse 7, 10.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* [k] by Beth-rehob: and they built a city, and dwelt therein.

k Numb. 13. 21.

29 And [l] they called the name of the city [m] Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

l Joshua 19. 47.
m Genes. 14. 14. Chap. 20. 1.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan [n] until the day of the captivity of the land.

n Chap. 13. 1. 1 Sam. 4. 2, 3.

31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, [o] all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

o Joshua 18. 1. Chap. 19. 18. & 21. 12.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *A Levite going to Beth-lehem to fetch home his wife,* 16 *an old man entertaineth him at Gibeah:* 22 *The Gibeathites abuse his concubine to death.*

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AND it came to pass in those days, [a] when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him † a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

a Chap. 17. 6. & 18. 1. & 21. 25.

† Heb. *a woman a concubine, or, a wife a concubine.*

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there ‖ † four whole months.

‖ Or, *a year and four months.* † Heb. *days four months.*

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak † friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

† Heb. *to her heart.*

4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, † Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

† Heb. *Strengthen.*

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6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him; therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried † until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

† Heb. *till the day declined.*

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day † draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, † the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go † home.

† Heb. *is weak.*

† Heb. it is *the pitching time of the day.*

† Heb. *to thy tent.*

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came † over [b] against Jebus, (which *is* Jerusalem,) and *there were* with him two asses saddled; his concubine also *was* with him.

† Heb. *to over against.*

b Chap. 1. 21.

11 *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that *is* not of the children of Israel; we will pass over [c] to Gibeah.

c Joshua 18. 28.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on, and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city; for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging.

16 ¶ And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which *was* also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjamites.

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17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a way-faring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?

18 And he said unto him, We *are* passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, [d] but I *am now* going to the house of the LORD; and there *is* no man that †receiveth me to house.

d Chap. 18. 31.

† Heb. *gathereth.*

19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of any thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace *be* with thee: howsoever, *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; [e] only lodge not in the street.

e Genes. 19. 2.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: [f] and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

f John 13. 5.

22 ¶ *Now,* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, [g] the men of the city, certain [h] sons of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

g Genes. 19. 4.

h Hosea 9. 9. & 10. 9.

23 And [i] the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay,* I pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

i Genes. 19. 6.

24 [k] Behold, *here is* my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, [l] and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not †so vile a thing.

k Genes. 19. 8.

l Deuter. 21. 14.

† Heb. *the matter of this folly.*

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was,* till it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands *were* upon the threshold.

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28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going; but none answered. Then the man took her *up* upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and [m] divided her, *together* with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

m See 1 Sam. 11. 7.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds.*

CHAP. XX.

1 *The Levite in a general assembly declareth his wrong:* 8 *their decree.*
29 *The Benjamites are destroyed.*

THEN [a] all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from [b] Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD [c] in Mizpeh.

a Deuter. 13. 12. Chap. 21. 5.

b Chap. 18. 29. 1 Sam. 3. 20. 2 Sam. 3. 10. & 24. 2.

c 1 Sam. 7. 5. & 10. 17.

2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us,* how was this wickedness?

4 And †the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, [d] I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge:

† Heb. *the man the Levite.*

d Chap. 19. 15.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me; and my concubine have they †forced, that she is dead.

† Heb. *humbled.*

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they [e] have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

e Joshua 7. 15.

7 Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

8 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house:

9 But now, this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up* by lot against it:

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10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, † knit together as one man.

† Heb. *fellows.*

12 ¶ [f] And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

f Joshua 22. 16.

13 Now therefore deliver *us* the men, [g] the children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

g Deuter. 13. 13. Chap. 19. 22.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time, out of the cities, twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men [h] left-handed; every one could sling stones at an hair-*breadth*, and not miss.

h Chap. 3. 15. 1 Chron. 12. 2.

17 And the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and [i] asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

i Chap. 1. 1.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array, in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

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23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days;

28 [k] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

k Joshua 24. 33.

29 And Israel [l] set liers in wait round about Gibeah.

l So Joshua 8. 4.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began † to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to || the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

† Heb. *to smite of the people wounded as at, &c.*

|| Or, *Beth-el.*

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways.

33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah.

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34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait ‖ drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

‖ Or, *made a long* sound with the trumpets.

38 Now there was an appointed ‖ sign between the men of Israel † and the liers in wait, that they should make a great † flame with smoke to rise up out of the city.

‖ Or, *time.*

† Heb. *with.*

† Heb. *elevation.*

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began † to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle.

† Heb. *to smite the wounded.*

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, † the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

† Heb. *the whole consumption*

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil † was come upon them.

† Heb. *touched them.*

42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them: and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 *Thus* they inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down ‖ with ease † over against Gibeah toward the sun-rising.

‖ Or, from *Menuchah*, &c.

† Heb. *unto over against.*

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men: all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high-ways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword: all these *were* men of valour.

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47 [m] But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

m Chap. 21. 13.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that † came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that † they came to.

† Heb. *was found.*

† Heb. *were found.*

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The people bewailing the desolation of Benjamin,* 16 *advise those that were left to surprise the virgins that danced at Shiloh.*

NOW [a] the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

a Chap. 20. 1.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to-day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day:

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD, that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 ¶ And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantist, and commanded them, saying, [b] Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of

b Chap. 5. 23. 1 Sam. 11. 7.

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the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, [c] Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that † hath lain by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred † young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent *some* † to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to || call peaceably unto them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit, we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

c Numb. 31. 17.

† Heb. *knoweth the lying with man.*

† Heb. *young women virgins.*

† Heb. *and spake and called.*

|| Or, *proclaim peace.*

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh † yearly, *in a place* which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, || on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

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† Heb. *from year to year.*

|| Or, *toward the sun rising.*

¶ Or, *on.*

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out [d] to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

d See Exod. 15. 20.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, || Be favourable unto them for our sakes; because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* ye should be guilty.

|| Or, *Gratify us in them.*

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 [e] In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

e Chap. 17. 6. & 18. 1. & 19. 1.

The Book of RUTH.

CHAP. I.

1 *Elimelech and family being driven by famine into Moab,* 3 *he dieth there.*
6 *Naomi returneth homeward.*

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NOW it came to pass, in the days when the judges † ruled, that [a] there was a famine in the land: and a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

† Heb. *judged.*

a See 2 Kings 8. 1.

2 And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, [b] Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah: and they came [c] into the country of Moab, and † continued there.

b See Gen. 35. 19.

c Judges 3. 30.

† Heb. *were.*

3 And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten years.

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5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people, in giving them bread.

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7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her: and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

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8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, [d] Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

d See Josh. 24. 15.

9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, [e] that they may be your husbands?

e Deuter. 25. 5.

12 Turn again, my daughters; go *your way;* for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, ‖ *if* I should have an husband also to-night, and should also bear sons;

‖ Or, *if I were with an husband.*

13 Would ye † tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for † it grieveth me much for your sakes, that [f] the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

† Heb. hope.

† Heb. *I have much bitterness.*

f Job 19. 21.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: [g] return thou after thy sister-in-law.

g See Josh. 24. 15, 19. 2 Kings 2. 2. Luke 24. 28.

16 And Ruth said, ‖ Entreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: [h] thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:

‖ Or, *Be not against me.*

h Chap. 2. 11, 12.

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: [i] the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

i 1 Sam. 3. 17, & 25. 22. 2 Sam. 19. 13. 2 Kings 6. 31.

18 When she saw that she † was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

† Heb. *strengthened herself.*

19 ¶ So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them; and they said, *Is* this Naomi?

20 And she said unto them, Call me not ‖ Naomi, call me ‖ Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

‖ That is, *Pleasant.*

‖ That is, *Bitter.*

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem [k] in the beginning of barley-harvest.

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k Exod. 9. 31, 32. Chap. 2. 23.

CHAP. II.

1 *Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz:*
4 *he taketh knowledge of her, and*
8 *sheweth her favour.*

AND Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* [a] ‖ Boaz.

a Chap. 4. 21.

‖ Called *Booz,* Mat. 1. 5.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her † hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

† Heb. *hap happened.*

4 ¶ And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, [b] The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

b Psalm 129. 7, 8.

5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab;

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens.

9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me all that thou hast done unto thy

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mother-in-law since the death of thine husband; and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, [c] under whose wings thou art come to trust.

c Chap. 1. 16. Psal. 17. 8. & 36. 7.

13 Then she said, ‖ Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken † friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

‖ Or, *I find favour.*

† Heb. *to the heart.*

14 And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers; and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and † reproach her not:

† Heb. *shame her not.*

16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 ¶ And she took *it* up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day *is* Boaz.

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, [d] Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, [e] ‖ one of our next kinsmen.

d Chap. 3. 10. 2 Sam. 2. 5.

e Chap. 4. 6.

‖ Or, *one that hath right to redeem:* See Levit. 25. 25.

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they ‖ meet thee not in any other field.

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‖ Or, *fall upon thee.*

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley-harvest, and of wheat-harvest; and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

CHAP. III.

1 *By Naomi's instruction,* 5 *Ruth lieth at the feet of Boaz.* 8 *Boaz acknowledgeth the duty of a kinsman.*

THEN Naomi, her mother-in-law, said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the thrashing-floor.

3 Wash thyself therefore, [a] and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man until he shall have done eating and drinking.

a 2 Sam. 14. 2.

4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and ‖ uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

‖ Or, *lift up the clothes that are on his feet.*

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

6 ¶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ¶ And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and ‖ turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

‖ Or, *took hold on.*

9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: [b] spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* ‖ a near kinsman.

b Ezekiel 16. 8.

‖ Or, *one that hath right to redeem.*

10 And he said, [c] Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter; *for* thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

c Chap. 2. 20.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the † city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.

† Heb. *gate.*

12 And now, it is true that I *am thy* near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

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13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 ¶ And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

‖ Or, *sheet*, or, *apron.*

15 Also he said, Bring the ‖ vail that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law.

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Boaz calleth into judgment the next kinsman:* 6 *he refusing the redemption,* 13 *Boaz marrieth Ruth.*

THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's:

† Heb. *I said, I will reveal in thine ear.*

4 And † I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it;* but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* besides thee; and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, [a] to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

a Deuter. 25. 5.

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6 ¶ [b] And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*.

b Chap. 3. 12.

7 [c] Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel, concerning redeeming, and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; A man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimony in Israel.

c Deuter. 25. 7, 9.

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee: so he drew off his shoe.

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel, and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel; and ‖ do thou worthily in [d] Ephratah, and † be famous in Bethlehem:

‖ Or, *get thee riches*, or, *power.*

d Genes. 35. 16, 19.

† Heb. *proclaim thy name.*

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, (e whom Tamar bare unto Judah,) of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

e Genes. 38. 29. 1 Chron. 2. 4. Mat. 1. 3.

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath not † left thee this day without a ‖ kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

† Heb. *caused to cease unto thee.*

‖ Or, *redeemer.*

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and † a nourisher of † thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, which is [f] better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

† Heb. *to nourish.*

† Heb. *thy grey hairs.*

f 1 Sam. 1. 8.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

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17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¶ Now these *are* the generations of Pharez: [g] Pharez begat Hezron,

[g] 1 Chron. 2. 4, &c. Matth. 1. 3.

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

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20 And Amminadab begat [h] Nahshon, and Nahshon begat [i] ‖ Salmon,

[h] Numb. 1. 7.

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

[i] Matth. 1. 4.

‖ Or, *Salmah.*

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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The First Book of the KINGS.

CHAP. I.

1 *Elkanah and his two wives.* 9 *Hannah's prayer.* 19 *Samuel is born.*

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NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* [a] Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, [b] an Ephrathite:

[a] 1 Corinth. 6. 27, 34.

[b] Ruth 1. 2.

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city [c] † yearly, to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.

[c] Exod. 23. 14. Deuter. 16. 16.

† Heb. *from year to year.*

4 ¶ And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave ‖ a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: [d] but the LORD had shut up her womb.

‖ Or, *a double portion.*

[d] Genes. 30. 2.

6 And her adversary also † [e] provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

† Heb. *angered her.*

[e] Job 24. 21.

7 And *as* he did so year by year, ‖ † when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her: therefore she wept, and did not eat.

‖ Or, *from the time that she, &c.*

† Heb. *from her going up.*

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I [f] better to thee than ten sons?

[f] Ruth 4. 15.

9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk: (now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD:)

10 And she *was* † in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

‖ Heb. *bitter of soul.*

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid † a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and [g] there shall no razor come upon his head.

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† Heb. *seed of men.*

[g] Num. 6. 5. Judg. 13. 5.

12 ¶ And it came to pass, as she † continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

† Heb. *multiplied to pray.*

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord; I *am* a woman † of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have [h] poured out my soul before the LORD.

† Heb. *hard of spirit.*

[h] Psalms 62. 8. & 142. 2.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial; for out of the abundance of my ‖ complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

‖ Or, *meditation.*

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad.*

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, † when the time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name ‖ Samuel, *saying,* Because I have asked him of the LORD.

† Heb. *in revolution of days.*

‖ That is, *Asked of God.*

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the

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LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

i Numb. 30. 7.

23 [i] And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the cir. 1165. LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord! k *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here praying unto the LORD.

k Genes. 42. 15. 2 Kings 2. 2, 4, 6.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have ||lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth ||he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

|| Or, *returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the LORD.*

|| Or, *he, whom I have obtained by petition, shall be returned.*

CHAP. II.

1 *Hannah's song.* 12 *The sin of Eli's sons.* 18 *Samuel's ministry.* 27 *A prophecy against Eli's house.*

AND Hannah prayed, and said, a My heart rejoiceth in the LORD; mine horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

a See Luke 1. 46, &c.

2 b *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none besides thee; neither *is there* any rock like our God.

b Deuter. 3. 24. & 32. 4. Psal. 86. 8. & 89. 6, 8.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; c let *not* † arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

c Malachi 3. 13. Jude 15.

† Heb. *hard.*

4 The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 d *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and e she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

d Psalm 34. 10. Luke 1. 53.

e Isa. 54. 1. Jer. 15. 9.

6 f The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

f Deuter. 32. 39. Job 5. 18. Hosea 6. 1. Tobit 13. 2. Wisd. 16. 13.

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: g he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

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g Psalm 75. 7.

8 h He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, i to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for k the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

h Psalm 113. 7, 8. Dan. 4. 17. Luke 1. 52.

i Job 36. 7.

k Psalm 24. 2. & 104. 5. Hebr. 1. 3.

9 l He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

l Psalm 91. 11.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; m out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his King, and n exalt the horn of his anointed.

m Chap. 7. 10. Psal. 18. 13.

n Psalm 89. 24.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house: o and the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

o Chap. 3. 1.

12 ¶ Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; p they knew not the LORD.

p Jerem. 22. 16.

13 And the priest's custom with the people *was, that,* when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand:

14 And he struck *it* into q the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

q See 1 Esd. 1. 12.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat † presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay;* but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

† Heb. *as on the day.*

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD; for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

18 ¶ But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, r girded with a linen ephod.

r Exod. 28. 4.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 ¶ And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee

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seed of this woman, for the ‖ loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

‖ Or, *petition which she asked, &c.*

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 ¶ Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with [s] the women that † assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

s See Exod. 38. 8.

† Heb. *assembled by troops.*

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for ‖ I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

‖ Or, *I hear evil words of you.*

24 Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people ‖ to transgress.

‖ Or, *to cry out.*

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, [t] because the LORD would slay them.

t Joshua 11. 20.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was [u] in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

u Prov. 3. 4. Luke 2. 52. Acts 2. 47. Rom. 14. 18.

27 ¶ And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, [x] Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

x Exod. 4. 14, 27.

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and [y] did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

y Levit. 2. 3, 10. & 6. 16. & 7. 7, 8. & 10. 14. Numb. 5. 9, 10. & 18. 8.

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice, and at mine offering, which I have commanded *in my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, [z] I said indeed, *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and [a] they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

z Exod. 29. 9.

a Psalm 18. 20. Mal. 2. 9. b 1 Kings 2. 27. Ezekiel 44. 10. See Chap. 4. 11, 18, 20. & 14. 3. & 22. 18, &c.

31 Behold, [b] the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

‖ Or, *the affliction of the tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would have given Israel.*

32 And thou shalt see ‖ an enemy *in my* habitation, in all *the wealth* which *God* shall give Israel: and there shall not be [c] an old man in thine house for ever.

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c See Zech. 8. 4.

33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die † in the flower of their age.

† Heb. *men.*

34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; [d] in one day they shall die both of them.

d Chap. 4. 11.

35 And [e] I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine Anointed for ever.

e 1 Kings 2. 35. 1 Chron. 29. 22. Ezekiel 44. 15.

36 [f] And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver, and a morsel of bread, and shall say, † Put me, I pray thee, into ‖ one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

f 1 Kings 2. 27.

† Heb. *Join.*

‖ Or, *somewhat about the priesthood.*

CHAP. III.

1 *How the word of the Lord was first revealed to Samuel.* 11 *God telleth Samuel the destruction of Eli's house.*

AND [a] the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And [b] the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

a Chap. 2. 11.

b Psalm 74. 9. Amos 8. 11.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, [c] and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;

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c Chap. 2. 22. & 4. 15.

3 And ere [d] the lamp of God went out [e] in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep;*

d Exod. 27. 21. Lev. 24. 3.

e Chap. 1. 9.

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 ‖ Now Samuel [f] did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

‖ Or, *Thus did Samuel before he knew the LORD, and before the word of the LORD was revealed unto him.*

f See Acts 19. 2.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

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9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 ¶ And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of [g] every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli [h] all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: † when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 ‖ [i] For I have told him, that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves ‖ vile, and he † restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 ¶ And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.

17 And he said, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: [k] God do so to thee, and † more also, if thou hide *any* ‖ thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him † every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD; let him do what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, [l] and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel, [m] from Dan even to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel *was* ‖ established *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The Israelites overcome by the Philistines.* 10 *The ark is taken, and Eli's sons slain.* 12 *The death of Eli.*

AND the word of Samuel ‖ † came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside [a] Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when † they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines; and they slew of † the army in the field about four thousand men.

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3 ¶ And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us † fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, [b] which dwelleth *between* [c] the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid: for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing † heretofore.

8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, [d] as they have been to you: † quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and [e] Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

11 And [f] the ark of God was taken; and [g] the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, † were slain.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and [h] came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes rent, and [i] with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon [k] a seat by the way-side watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man

g 2 Kings 21. 12. Jer. 19. 3.

h Chap. 2. 30,---36.

† Heb. *beginning and ending.*

‖ Or, *And I will tell him,* &c.

i Chap. 2. 29, 30, 31, &c.

‖ Or, *accursed.*

† Heb. *frowned not upon them.*

k Ruth 1. 17.

† Heb. *so add.*

‖ Or, *word.*

† Heb. *all the things, or, words.*

l Chap. 9. 6.

m Judges 20. 1.

‖ Or, *faithful.*

‖ Or, *came to pass.*

† Heb. *was.*

a Chap. 7. 12.

† Heb. *the battle was spread.*

† Heb. *the array.*

† Heb. *take unto us.*

b 2 Sam. 6. 2. Psal. 80. 1. & 99. 1.

c Exod. 25. 18, 22.

† Heb. *yesterday, or, the third day.*

d Judges 13. 1.

† Heb. *be men.*

e Psalm 78. 9.

f Psalm 78. 61.

g Chap. 2. 34.

† Heb. *died.*

h 2 Sam. 1. 2.

i Josh. 7. 6. 2 Sam. 13. 19. & 15. 32. Neh. 9. 1. Job 2. 12.

k Chap. 1. 9.

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came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and [1] his eyes † were dim, that he could not see.

[1] Chap. 3. 2.
† Heb. *stood.*

16 And the man said unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army. And he said, What † is there done, my son?

† Heb. *is the thing.*

17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy: ‖ and he had judged Israel forty years.

‖ He seems to have been a judge to do justice only, and that in South-west Israel.

19 ¶ And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* ‖ to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains † came upon her.

‖ Or, *to cry out.*
† Heb. *were turned.*

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, † neither did she regard *it*.

† Heb. *set not her heart.*

21 And she named the child ‖ [m] I-chabod, saying, [n] The glory is departed from Israel: (because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law, and her husband:)

‖ That is, *Where is the glory?* or, There is *no glory.*
m Chap. 14. 3.
n Psalm 26. 8. & 78. 61.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

1 *The Philistines bring the ark into the house of Dagon:* 6, 9, 12 *they are smitten with emerods.*

[a] Chap. 4. 1. & 7. 12.

AND the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it [a] from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 ¶ And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon, and both the palms of his hands, *were* cut off upon the threshold; only ‖ *the stump of* Dagon was left to him.

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‖ Or, *the fishy part.*

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, [b] tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

[b] See Zeph. 1. 9.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he [c] destroyed them, and smote them with [d] emerods, *even* Ashdod, and the coasts thereof.

[c] Chap. 6. 5.
[d] Psalm 78. 66.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*.

9 And it was *so*, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to † us, to slay us and our people.

† Heb. *me, to slay me and my.*

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay † us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

† Heb. *me not, and my.*

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The Philistines' counsel how to send back the ark:* 10 *they bring it on a new cart to Beth-shemesh.*

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

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2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, [a] *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was* on † you all, and on your lords.

[a] See Verse 17.

† Heb. *them.*

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that [b] mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

[b] Chap. 5. 6.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, [c] as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had wrought ‖wonderfully among them, [d] did they not let † the people go, and they departed?

[c] Exod. 7. 13. & 8. 15. & 14. 17.

‖ Or, *reproachfully.*

[d] Exod. 12. 31.

† Heb. *them.*

7 Now therefore make [e] a new cart, and take two milch-kine, [f] on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

[e] 2 Sam. 6. 3.

[f] Numb. 19. 2.

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him *for* a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, *then* ‖ he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us; it *was* a chance *that* happened to us.

‖ Or, *it.*

10 ¶ And the men did so; and took two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

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13 And *they of* Beth-shemesh *were* reaping their wheat-harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it.*

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices, the same day unto the LORD.

16 [g] And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

[g] Josh. 13. 3.

17 And these *are* the golden emerods, which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass-offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one:

18 And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the ‖ great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD; *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

‖ Or, *great stone.*

19 ¶ And [h] he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men. And the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

[h] See Exod. 19. 21. Numb. 4. 5, 15, 20.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 ¶ And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

3 *The Israelites, by Samuel's means, solemnly repent at Mizpeh.* 9 *Samuel praying, the Philistines are discomfited.*

AND the men of [a] Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of [b] Abinadab in the hill, and

[a] Psalm 132. 6.

[b] 2 Sam. 6. 3.

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sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

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3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* [c] put away the strange gods and [d] Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and [e] serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

c Josh. 24. 14, 23.
d Judg. 2. 13.
e Deuter. 6. 13. & 10. 20. Mat. 4. 10. Luke 4. 8.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away [f] Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

f Judg. 2. 11.

5 And Samuel said, [g] Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

g Judg. 20. 1. 2 Kings 25. 23.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, [h] and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

h 2 Sam. 14. 14.

7 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, † Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

† Heb. *Be not silent from us from crying.*

9 ¶ And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt-offering wholly unto the LORD: and [i] Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD ‖ heard him.

i Psalm 99. 6.
‖ Or, *answered.*

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: [k] but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

k See Josh. 10. 10. Judg. 4. 15. & 5. 20. Ecclus. 46. 17.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they came* under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it ‖ Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

‖ That is, *The stone of help*: Chap. 4. 1.

13 ¶ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

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14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 ¶ And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year † in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

† Heb. *and he circuited.*

17 And [l] his return *was* to Ramah; for there *was* his house: and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

l Chap. 8. 4.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *By the occasion of the ill government of Samuel's sons the Israelites ask a king.* 10 *The manner of a king.*

AND it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

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2 Now the name of his first-born was ‖ Joel, and the name of his second Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba.

‖ Or, *Vashni*, 1 Chron. 6. 28.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and [a] took bribes, and perverted judgment.

a Deuter. 16. 19.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now [b] make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

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b Hosea 13. 10. Acts 13. 21.

6 ¶ But the thing † displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

† Heb. *was evil in the eyes of Samuel.*

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for [c] they have not rejected thee, but [d] they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

c See Exod. 16. 8.
d Chap. 10. 19. & 12. 17, 19. Hosea 13. 10, 11.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

‖ Or, *obey.*

9 Now therefore ‖ hearken unto their voice: ‖ howbeit, yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

‖ Or, *notwithstanding, when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew, &c.*

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10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

e See Deut. 17. 16, &c. Chap. 10. 25. f Chap. 14. 52.

11 And he said, [e] This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: [f] He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

g 1 Kings 21. 7.

14 And [g] he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even* the best *of them*, and give *them* to his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his † officers, and to his servants.

† Heb. *eunuchs.*

16 And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep; and ye shall be his servants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 ¶ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Saul, despairing to find his father's asses,* 6 *by the counsel of his servant,* 11 *and direction of young maidens,* 15 *according to God's revelation,* 18 *cometh to Samuel.* 19 *Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast.*

a Chap. 14. 51. 1 Chron. 8. 33.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* [a] Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, || a Benjamite, a mighty man of ||power.

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2 And he had a son, whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly; and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: [b] from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than any of the people.

|| Or, *the son of a man of Jemini.* || Or, *substance.* b Chap. 10. 23.

3 And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost: and Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and *there they were* not; and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found *them* not.

5 *And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man; [c] all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

c Chap. 3. 19.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, [d] what shall we bring the man? for the bread † is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to bring to the man of God: what † have we?

d See Judg. 13. 17. 1 Kings 14. 3. 2 Kings 4. 42. & 8. 8. † Heb. *is gone out of,* &c.

8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, † I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

† Heb. *is with us.* † Heb. *there is found in my hand.*

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man [e] went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet, was beforetime called [f] a Seer.)

e Genes. 25. 22. f 2 Sam. 24. 11. 2 Kings 17. 13. Amos 7. 12.

10 Then said Saul to his servant, † Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

† Heb. *Thy word is good.*

11 ¶ *And* as they went up † the hill to the city, [g] they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

† Heb. *in the ascent of the city.* g Genes. 24. 11.

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to-day to the city; for [h] *there is* a || sacrifice of the people to-day in the high place.

h Chap. 16. 2. || Or, *feast.*

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13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about † this time ye shall find him.

† Heb. *to-day.*

14 And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

i Chap. 15. 1. Acts 13. 21. † Heb. *revealed the ear of Samuel.*

15 ¶ [i] Now the LORD had † told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,

16 To-morrow, about this time, I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, [k] and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

k Chap. 10. 1.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall † reign over my people.

† Heb. *restrain in.*

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to-day; and to-morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses, that were lost † three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

† Heb. *to-day three days.*

21 And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I [l] a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou † so to me?

l Psalm 68. 27.

† Heb. *according to this word?*

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is || left! set *it* before thee, *and* eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

|| Or, *reserved.*

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25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

26 And they arose early: and it came to pass, about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still † a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

† Heb. *to-day.*

CHAP. X.

1 *Samuel anointeth Saul, and confirmeth him by prediction of three signs.*
9 *Saul's heart is changed, and he prophesieth.*

THEN [a] Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, [b] and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because [c] the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over [d] his inheritance?

a Chap. 9. 16. b Psal. 2. 12. c Acts 13. 21. d Deuter. 32. 9.

2 When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by [e] Rachel's sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin, [f] at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left † the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

e Genes. 35. 19, 20. f Joshua 18. 28. † Heb. *the business.*

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

4 And they will † salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

† Heb. *ask thee of peace;* as Judg. 18. 15.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, [g] where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down [h] from the high place, with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; [i] and they shall prophesy:

g Chap. 13. 3. h Chap. 9. 12. i Exod. 15. 20. 2 Kings 3. 15.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and [k] thou shalt pro-

k Numb. 11. 25.

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phesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

† Heb. *it shall come to pass, that when these signs, &c.*

7 And † let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, † *that* thou do as occasion shall serve thee; for God *is* with thee.

† Heb. *do for thee as thine hand shall find.*

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: [l] seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

l Chap. 13. 8.

9 ¶ And it was *so*, that, when he had turned his † back to go from Samuel, God † gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

† Heb. *shoulder.* † Heb. *turned.*

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said † one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? [m] *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

† Heb. *a man to his neighbour.* m Chap. 19. 24.

12 And one † of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

† Heb. *from thence.*

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together [n] unto the LORD [o] to Mizpeh;

n Judg. 11. 11. & 20. 1. Chap. 11. 15. o Chap. 7. 5, 6.

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you:

p Chap. 8. 7, 19. & 12. 12.

19 [p] And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

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20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, [q] the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

q Joshua 7. 14, 16.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, [r] he was higher than any of the people, from his shoulders and upward.

r Chap. 9. 2.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, [s] † God save the king.

s 1 Kings 1. 25. † Heb. *Let the king live.*

25 Then Samuel told the people [t] the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

t See Deut. 17. 14, &c. Chap. 8. 11.

26 ¶ And Saul also went home [u] to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

u Chap. 11. 4. x Chap. 11. 12. y 1 Kings 4. 21. & 10. 25. 2 Chron. 17. 5. Psal. 72. 10. Mat. 2. 11.

27 [x] But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, [y] and brought him no presents: but ‖ he held his peace.

‖ Or, *he was as though he had been deaf.*

CHAP. XI.

1 *Nahash offereth the men of Jabesh-gilead a reproachful condition:* 4 *they send to Saul, and are delivered.*

THEN [a] Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against [b] Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

a Chap. 12. 12. b Judg. 21. 8.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, † Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if *there be* no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

† Heb. *Forbear us.*

4 ¶ Then came the messengers [c] to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings

c Chap. 10. 26. & 15. 34.

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in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

d Judges 3. 10. & 6. 34. & 11. 29. & 13. 25. & 14. 6.

6 [d] And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and

e Judges 19. 29.

[e] hewed them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying,

f Judges 21. 5, 8, 10.

[f] Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out † with one consent.

† Heb. *as one man,* Judg. 20. 1.

8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children

g 2 Sam. 24. 9.

[g] of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To-morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have || help. And the messengers came and shewed *it* to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

|| Or, *deliverance.*

10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was *so* on the morrow,

h See Chap. 31. 11.

that [h] Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning-watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ And the people said unto Samuel,

i Chap. 10. 27.

[i] Who *is* he that said, Shall Saul reign over us?

k See Luke 19. 27.

[k] bring the men, that we may put them to death.

l 2 Sam. 19. 22.

13 And Saul said, [l] There shall not a man be put to death this day; for to-day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to

m Chap. 10. 17.

Gilgal; and there they made Saul king [m] before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

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1 *Samuel testifieth his integrity:* 6 *he reproveth the people of ingratitude:* 16 *he terrifieth them with thunder in harvest-time,* 20 *and comforteth them in God's mercy.*

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: [a] and I am old and gray-headed; and, behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

a Chap. 8. 1, 5.

3 Behold, [b] here I *am:* witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: [c] whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* † bribe || to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

b Ecclus. 46. 19.

c Numb. 16. 15. Acts 20. 33. 1 Thess. 2. 5.

† Heb. *ransom.*

|| Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him?*

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

6 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that || advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

|| Or, *made.*

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the † righteous acts of the LORD, which he did † to you and to your fathers.

† Heb. *righteousnesses,* or, *benefits.*

† Heb. *with.*

8 [d] When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers [e] cried unto the LORD, then the LORD [f] sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

d Gen. 46. 5, 6.

e Exod. 2. 23.

f Exod. 3. 10. & 4. 16.

9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, [g] he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of [h] the Philistines, and into the hand of the king [i] of Moab; and they fought against them.

g Judges 4. 2.

h Judges 10. 7.

i Judges 3. 12.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, [k] We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, [l] and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

k Judges 10. 10.

l Judges 2. 13.

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11 And the LORD sent [m] Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and [n] Jephthah, and [o] Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash, the king of the children of Ammon, came against you, [p] ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when [q] the LORD your God *was* your king.

13 Now therefore behold the king [r] whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the † commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye, and also the king that reigneth over you, † continue following the LORD your God:

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 [s] *Is it* not wheat-harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and [t] all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

20 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: (ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21 And turn ye not aside: [u] for *then should ye go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain:)

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake; because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD † in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider ‖ how great *things* he hath done for you.

25 But if you shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

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‖ Or, *what a great* thing, &c.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Saul's selected band.* 5 *The Philistines' great host.* 6 *The Israelites' distress.* 8 *Saul, weary of staying for Samuel, sacrificeth:* 11 *Samuel reproveth him.*

SAUL † reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

† Heb. *the son of one year in his reigning.*

2 Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

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3 And Jonathan smote [a] the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in ‖ Geba; and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

[a] Chap. 10. 5.

‖ Or, *The hill.*

4 And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also † was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

† Heb. *did stink.*

5 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the sea-shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

6 ¶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people [b] did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

[b] Judges 6. 2.

7 And *some of* the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead: as for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people † followed him trembling.

† Heb. *trembled after him.*

8 ¶ [c] And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed:* but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

[c] Chap. 10. 8.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering.

10 And it came to pass, that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the

[m] Judg. 6. 14, 32.
[n] Judges 11. 1.
[o] Chap. 7. 13.
[p] Chap. 8. 3, 19.
[q] Judges 8. 23. Chap. 8. 7.
[r] Chap. 10. 19.
† Heb. *mouth.*
† Heb. *be after.*
[s] Prov. 26. 1.
[t] See Ezra 10. 9.
[u] Jerem. 16. 19.
† Heb. *from ceasing.*

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burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might † salute him.

† Heb. *bless him.*

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not † made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt-offering.

† Heb. *entreated the face of.*

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: [d] thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee; for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

d Chap. 15. 11.

14 [e] But now thy kingdom shall not continue: [f] the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

e Chap. 15. 28.
f Psalm 89. 20. Acts 13. 22.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin: and Saul numbered the people *that were* † present with him, [g] about six hundred men.

† Heb. *found.*
g Chap. 14. 2.

16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in † Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

† Heb. *Gebah.*

17 ¶ And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* [h] Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

h Joshua 18. 23.

18 And another company turned the way *to* Beth-horon: and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now [i] there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: (for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears:)

i See 2 Kings 24. 14. Jer. 24. 1.

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

† Heb. *a file with mouths.*

21 Yet they had † a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and † to sharpen the goads.

‡ Heb. *to set.*

22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that [k] there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

k So Judges 5. 8.

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23 [l] And the ‖ garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

l Chap. 14. 4.
‖ Or, *standing camp.*

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Jonathan miraculously smiteth the Philistines' garrison:* 15 *a divine terror maketh them beat themselves.* 24 *Saul's unadvised adjuration hindereth the victory.*

NOW ‖ it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the other side: but he told not his father.

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‖ Or, *there was a day.*

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah, under a pomegranate-tree which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* [a] about six hundred men;

a Chap. 13. 15.

3 And [b] Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, [c] I-chabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

b Chap. 22. 9, 11, 20. called *Ahimelech.*
c Chap. 4. 21.

4 ¶ And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over [d] unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

d Chap. 13. 23.

5 The † forefront of the one *was* situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

† Heb. *tooth.*

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the LORD [e] to save by many or by few.

e Judges 7. 4. 2 Chron. 14. 11. 1 Mac. 3. 18.

7 And his armour-bearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, † Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

† Heb. *Be still.*

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for [f] the LORD hath delivered them into our hand; and [g] this *shall be* a sign unto us.

f 1 Mac. 4. 30.
g See Gen. 24. 14.

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11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, Come up after me; for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were ‖ an half acre of land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow.*

‖ Or, *half a furrow of an acre of land.*

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and [h] the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so it was †[i] a very great trembling.

h Chap. 13. 17.

† Heb. *a trembling of God.*

i Genes. 35. 5.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another.*

17 Then said Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and see who has gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer *were* not *there.*

18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God: (for the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.)

19 ¶ And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the ‖ noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

‖ Or, *tumult.*

20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him †assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, [k] every man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture.

† Heb. *were cried together.*

k Judges 7. 22. 2 Chron. 20. 23.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews *that* were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from the country* round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel which [l] had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

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l Chap. 13. 6.

23 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted *any* food.

25 [m] And all *they of* the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

m Deuter. 9. 28.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honey-comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were ‖ faint.

‖ Or, *weary.*

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey;

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 ¶ And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* [n] with the blood.

n Levit. 7. 26. & 19. 26. Deuter. 12. 16.

33 ¶ Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have ‖ transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

‖ Or, *dealt treacherously.*

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man

his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox †with him that night, and slew *them* there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: †the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

36 ¶ And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning-light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But [o] he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, [p] Draw ye near hither all the †chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day:

39 For, *as* the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people *that* answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, ||Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken; but the people †escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and*, lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, [q] God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: [r] *as* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of [s] Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*.

48 And he ||gathered an host, and [t] smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 ¶ Now [u] the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these;* the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host *was* †Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle:

51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner, the father of Abner, *was* the son of [x] Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, [y] he took him unto him.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek:* 8 *he spareth Agag and the best of the spoil.* 32 *Samuel killeth Agag.*

SAMUEL also said unto Saul, [a] The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Israel, [b] how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and ||laid wait in the valley.

6 ¶ And Saul said unto [c] the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for [d] ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

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7 [e] And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to [f] Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.

8 And [g] he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and [h] utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and ‖ of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 [i] It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, [k] and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to [l] Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, [m] When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until † they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst flee upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

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21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, [n] Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, [o] to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of † witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry: because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

24 ¶ [p] And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, [q] he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, [r] The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

29 And also the ‖ Strength of Israel [s] will not lie nor repent; for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned; *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, [t] As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 ¶ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to [u] Gibeah of Saul.

e Chap. 14. 48.
f Gen. 16. 7. & 25. 18.
g See 1 Kings 20. 34, 35.
h See Chap. 30. 1.
‖ Or, *of the second sort.*
i 2 Sam. 24. 16.
k Chap. 15. 13.
l Joshua 15. 55.
m Chap. 9. 21.
† Heb. *they consume.*
n Psalm 50. 8, 9. Isa. 1. 11.
o Eccles. 5. 1. Hosea 6. 6. Mat. 5. 24. & 9. 13. & 12. 7.
† Heb. *divination.*
p See 2 Sam. 12. 13.
q See 1 Kings 11. 30.
r Chap. 28. 17. 1 Kings 11. 31.
‖ Or, *Eternity,* or, *Victory.*
s Numb. 23. 19. Ezekiel 24. 14. 2 Tim. 2. 13. Titus 1. 2.
t Exod. 17. 11. Numb. 14. 45.
u Chap. 11. 4.

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35 And [x] Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

[x] See Chap. 19. 24.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Samuel sent by God under pretence of a sacrifice, cometh to Beth-lehem:* 6 *his human judgment reproved:* 13 *he anointeth David in the midst of his brethren.* 19 *Saul sendeth for David to quiet his evil spirit.*

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AND the LORD said unto Samuel, [a] How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

[a] Chap. 15. 35.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer † with thee, and say, [b] I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

† Heb. *in thine hand.*

[b] Chap. 9. 12. & 20. 29.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem: and the elders of the town trembled at his † coming, and said, [c] Comest thou peaceably?

† Heb. *meeting.*

[c] 1 Kings 2. 13.

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on [d] Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.

[d] Chap. 17. 13. called *Elihu*, 1 Chron. 27. 18.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the † outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the [e] heart.

† Heb. *eyes.*

[e] 1 Chron. 28. 9. Psalm 7. 9. Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. & 20. 12.

8 Then Jesse called [f] Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

[f] Chap. 17. 13.

9 Then Jesse made ‖ Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

‖ *Shimeah*, 2 Sam. 13. 3. *Shimma*, 1 Chron. 2. 13.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, [g] Send and fetch him: for we will not sit † down till he come hither.

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[g] 2 Sam. 7. 8. Psal. 78. 70.

† Heb. *round.*

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal † of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

† Heb. *fair of eyes.*

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and [h] anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and [i] the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

[h] Psalm 89. 20.

[i] See Numb. 27. 18. Judges 15. 25. & 14. 6. Chap. 10. 6, 10.

14 ¶ [k] But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and [l] an evil spirit from the LORD ‖ troubled him.

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[k] Chap. 11. 6.

[l] Judges 9. 23. Chap. 18. 10. & 19. 9.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

‖ Or, *terrified.*

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in ‖ matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.

‖ Or, *speech.*

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, [m] which *is* with the sheep.

[m] Chap. 17. 15.

20 And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when [n] the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

[n] Verse 14.

CHAP. XVII.

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1 *The armies of the Israelites and Philistines being ready to battle,* 4 *Goliath cometh proudly forth to challenge a combat.* 12 *David, sent by his father to visit his brethren, accepteth the challenge.*

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at [a] Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in || Ephes-dammim.

a Joshua 15. 35.

|| Or, *The coast of Dammim,* called *Pas-dammim,* 1 Chron. 11. 13.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and † set the battle in array against the Philistines.

† Heb. *ranged the battle.*

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

5 And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* † armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass:

† Heb. *clothed.*

6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a || target of brass between his shoulders.

|| Or, *gorget.*

7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *Am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ Now David *was* [b] the son of that [c] Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had [d] eight sons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul.

b Chap. 16. 1.
c Genes. 35. 19.
d Chap. 16. 10, 11. See 1 Chron. 2. 13, 14, 15.

13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* Eliab the first-born; and next unto him, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.

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14 And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from Saul [e] to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.

e Chap. 16. 19.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn,* and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten † cheeses unto the † captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

† Heb. *cheese of milk.*
† Heb. *captain of a thousand.*

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 ¶ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the || trench as the host was going forth to the || fight, and shouted for the battle.

|| Or, *place of the carriage.*
|| Or, *battle array,* or, *place of fight.*

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

22 And David left † his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and † saluted his brethren.

† Heb. *the vessels from upon him.*
† Heb. *asked his brethren of peace.*

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion (the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name) out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard *them.*

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled † from him, and were sore afraid.

† Heb. *from his face.*

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and [f] will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

f Joshua 15. 16.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he

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should defy the armies of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause?

30 ¶ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same †manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

† Heb. *word.*

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul; and he †sent for him.

† Heb. *took him.*

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion and a bear, and took a ||lamb out of the flock;

‖ Or, *kid.*

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and, when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

† Heb. *clothed David with his clothes.*

38 ¶ And Saul †armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it.* And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them.* And David put them off him.

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40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the ||brook, and put them in a shepherd's †bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

‖ Or, *valley.*

† Heb. *vessel.*

41 And the Philistine came on, and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philistine said unto David, [g] *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

g Chap. 24. 14. 2 Sam. 3. 8. & 9. 8. & 16. 9. 2 Kings 8. 13.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD †deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

† Heb. *shut thee up.*

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So [h] David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

h Ecclus. 47. 4. 1 Mac. 4. 30.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath

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thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 ¶ And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, *As* thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling *is*.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, *I am* the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jonathan loveth David.* 5 *Saul envying David's praise,* 10 *seeketh to kill him in his fury:* 17 *he offereth him his daughter for a snare.*

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that [a] the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, [b] and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

[a] Genes. 44. 30.
[b] Chap. 20. 17.

2 And Saul took him that day, [c] and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

[c] Chap. 17. 15.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* ||behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war; and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

|| Or, *prospered.*

6 And it came to pass, as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the ||Philistine, that [d] the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with †instruments of musick.

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|| Or, *Philistines.*

[d] Exod. 15. 20.

† Heb. *three stringed instruments.*

7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, [e] Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

[e] Chap. 21. 11. & 29. 5. Ecclus. 47. 6.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying †displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

† Heb. *was evil in his eyes.*

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that [f] the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, [g] and he prophesied in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as at other times: [h] and *there was a* javelin in Saul's hand.

[f] Chap. 16. 14.
[g] Chap. 19. 24.
[h] Chap. 19. 9.

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and [i] he went out and came in before the people.

[i] Verse 16. 2 Sam. 5. 2.

14 And David ||behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

|| Or, *prospered.*

15 Wherefore, when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife; only be thou †valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles: for Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

† Heb. *a son of valour.*

18 And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?

19 But it came to pass, at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given unto [k] Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

[k] 2 Sam. 21. 8.

20 ¶ And Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing †pleased him.

† Heb. *was right in his eyes.*

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21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt [1] this day be my son-in-law in *the one of* the twain.

[1] See Verse 26.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son-in-law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, † On this manner spake David.

† Heb. *According to these words.*

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law: and the days were not † expired.

† Heb. *fulfilled.*

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men: and [m] David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

m 2 Sam. 3. 14.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much † set by.

† Heb. *precious.*

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Jonathan discloseth his father's purpose to kill David:* 4 *he persuadeth his father to reconciliation.* 8 *By reason of David's good success in a new war, Saul's malicious rage breaketh out against him.*

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David; and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself;

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3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his words *have been* to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his [a] life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel; thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: [b] wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

a Judges 9. 17. & 12. 3. Chap. 28. 21. Psalm 119. 109.

b Chap. 20. 32.

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things: and Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as † in times past.

† Heb. *yesterday third day.*

8 ¶ And there was war again: and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from † him.

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† Heb. *his face.*

9 And [c] the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.

c Chap. 16. 14. & 18. 10.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 [d] Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain.

d Psalm 59 title.

12 ¶ So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him

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up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goat's *hair* for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And [e] Saul sent messengers to take David: [f] and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also [g] prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 [h] And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and † lay down [i] naked all that day, and all that night. Wherefore they say, [k] *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

e See John 7. 32, 45, &c.
f Chap. 10. 5, 6. 1 Cor. 14. 3, 24, 25.
g Numb. 11. 25.
h Isaiah 20. 2.
† Heb. *fell*, Numb. 24. 4.
i Micah 1. 8.
k Chap. 10. 11.

CHAP. XX.

1 *David consulteth with Jonathan for his safety:* 11 *their covenant renewed by oath.* 24 *Saul, missing David, seeketh to kill Jonathan.*

AND David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing, either great or small, but that he will † shew it me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so*.

† Heb. *uncover mine ear.*

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3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, || Whatsoever thy soul † desireth, I will even do *it* for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow *is* the new-moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third *day* at even.

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me, that he might run [a] to Bethlehem his city; for *there is* a yearly || sacrifice there for all the family.

7 [b] If he say thus, *It is* well, thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for [c] thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have † sounded my father about to-morrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and, behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and † shew it thee;

13 [d] The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace; and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only, while yet I live, shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

|| Or, *Say what is thy mind, and I will do*, &c.
† Heb. *speaketh*, or, *thinketh.*
a Chap. 16. 4.
|| Or, *feast.*
b Deuter. 1. 23.
c Chap. 18. 3. & 23. 18.
† Heb. *searched.*
† Heb. *uncover thine ear.*
d Ruth 1. 17.

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15 But *also* [e] thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan †made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, [f]Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, ||because he loved him: [g]for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, [h]To-morrow *is* the new-moon; and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be †empty.

19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down ||†quickly, and come to the [i]place where thou didst hide thyself †when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone ||Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and †no hurt, *as* the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And *as touching* [k] the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field: and when the new-moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that David's place was empty; and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday nor to-day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Beth-lehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there:* and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

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30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, ||†Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom: wherefore now send and fetch him unto me; for he †shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow †beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his †artillery unto †his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 ¶ *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times; and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, ||forasmuch as we have

e 2 Sam. 9. 3. & 21. 7.

† Heb. *cut.*

f See Chap. 31. 2. 2 Sam. 4. 7. & 21. 8.

‖ Or, *by his love toward him.*

g Chap. 18. 1.

h Verse 5.

† Heb. *missed.*

‖ Or, *diligently.*

† Heb. *greatly.*

i Chap. 19. 2.

† Heb. *in the day of the business.*

‖ Or, *that sheweth the way.*

† Heb. *not any thing.*

k Verse 14, 15. See Ver. 42.

‖ Or, *Thou perverse rebel.*

† Heb. *Son of perverse rebellion.*

† Heb. *is the son of death.*

† Heb. *to pass over him.*

† Heb. *instruments.*

† Heb. *that was his.*

‖ Or, the LORD be witness of that *which*, &c. See Ver. 23.

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sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *David at Nob obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread:* 8 *he taketh Goliath's sword:* 10 *and at Gath feigneth himself mad.*

THEN came David to Nob to [a] Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?

[a] Called also *Ahiah*, Chap. 14. 3.

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is † present.

† Heb. *found.*

4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand; but there is [b] hallowed bread, [c] if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

[b] Exod. 25. 30. Levit. 24. 5. Mat. 12. 4.
[c] Exod. 19. 15. Zech. 7. 3.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, ‖ yea, though it were sanctified this day [d] in the vessel.

‖ Or, *especially when this day there is other sanctified in the vessel.*
[d] Levit. 8. 26.

6 So the priest [e] gave him hallowed *bread;* for there was no bread there but the shew-bread, [f] that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

[e] Mark 2. 25. Luke 6. 3.
[f] Lev. 24. 8, 9.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name *was* [g] Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul.

[g] Psalm 52. title.

8 ¶ And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in [h] the valley of Elah, [i] behold, it *is here,* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it;* for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it me.

[h] Chap. 17. 2, 50.
[i] Chap. 31. 10.

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10 ¶ And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to ‖ Achish the king of Gath.

‖ Or, *Abimelech,* Psalm 34. title.

11 And [k] the servants of Achish said unto him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, [l] Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

[k] Psalm 56. title.
[l] Chap. 18. 7. & 29. 5. Eccles. 47. 6.

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And [m] he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and ‖ scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

[m] Psal. 34. title.
‖ Or, *made marks.*

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man ‖ is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me?

‖ Or, *playeth the madman.*

15 Have I need of madmen, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the madman in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Companies resort to David at Adullam.* 9 *Doeg accuseth Ahimelech.* 11 *Saul commandeth to kill the priests.*

DAVID therefore departed thence, and [a] escaped [b] to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it,* they went down thither to him.

[a] Psalm 57. title, and 142. title.
[b] 2 Sam. 23. 13.

2 [c] And every one *that was* in distress, and every one *that* † *was* in debt, and every one *that was* † discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

[c] Judges 11. 3.
† Heb. *had a creditor.*
† Heb. *bitter of soul.*

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab; and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 ¶ And the prophet [d] Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

[d] 2 Sam. 24. 11. 1 Chron. 21. 9. 2 Chron. 29. 25.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that

were with him: (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a ‖ tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him:)

‖ Or, *grove in a high place.*

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that † sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse; and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

† Heb. *uncovereth mine ear.*

9 ¶ Then answered [e] Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of [f] Ahitub.

e Chap. 21. 7. Psalm 52. title.

f Chap. 14. 3.

10 [g] And he enquired of the LORD for him, and [h] gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

g Numb. 27. 21.

h Chap. 21. 6, 9.

11 ¶ Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, † Here I *am*, my lord.

† Heb. *Behold me.*

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day.

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, † less or more.

† Heb. *little or great.*

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

17 ¶ And the king said unto the ‖ † footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

‖ Or, *guard.* † Heb. *runners.*

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18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and [i] slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

i See Chap. 2. 31.

19 [k] And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

k Verse 9, 11.

20 ¶ [l] And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.

l Chap. 23. 6.

21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *David, enquiring of the Lord, rescueth Keilah: 7 God sheweth him Saul's coming, and the treachery of the Keilites: he escapeth from Keilah.*

THEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against [a] Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors.

a Joshua 15. 44.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 [b] Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

b Verse 10.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar, the son of Ahimelech, [c] fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

c Chap. 22. 20.

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7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

9 ¶ And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and [d] he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

[d] Numb. 27. 21. Chap. 30. 7.

10 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah † deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *thee* up.

† Heb. *shut up.*

13 ¶ Then David and his men, [e] *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

[e] Chap. 22. 2. & 25. 13.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of [f] Ziph: and Saul sought him every day; but God delivered him not into his hand.

[f] Joshua 15. 55.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Saul's son, arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee: and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and [g] that also Saul my father knoweth.

[g] Chap. 24. 20.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD. And David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ¶ Then [h] came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* † on the south of ‖ Jeshimon.

[h] See Chap. 26. 1, Psalm 54. title.

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20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand.

† Heb. *on the right hand.* ‖ Or, *the wilderness.*

21 And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his † haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilely.

† Heb. *foot shall be.*

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderness [i] of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

[i] Joshua 15. 55. Chap. 25. 2.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek *him.* And they told David: wherefore he came down ‖ into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon: and when Saul heard *that,* he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

‖ Or, *from the rock.*

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: [k] and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

[k] Psalm 31. 22.

27 ¶ [l] But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have † invaded the land.

[l] See 2 Kings 19. 9.

† Heb. *spread themselves upon,* &c.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place ‖ Sela-hammah-lekoth.

‖ That is, *The rock of divisions.*

29 ¶ And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *David, at a cave in En-gedi, having cut off Saul's skirt, spareth his life:* 8 *he sheweth thereby his innocency.*

AND it came to pass, [a] when Saul was returned from † following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of En-gedi.

[a] Chap. 23. 28. † Heb. *after.*

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went

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to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheep-cotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and [b] Saul went in to cover his feet: and [c] David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

b Psalm 141. 6.
c Psalm 57. title, and 142. title.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off †the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

† Heb. *the robe which was Saul's.*

5 And it came to pass afterward, that [d] David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

d 2 Sam. 24. 10.

6 And he said unto his men, [e] The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

e Chap. 26. 11.

† Heb. *cut off.*

7 So David †stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

8 ¶ David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

f Psalm 141. 6.

9 And David said to Saul, [f] Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD hath delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee; but *mine eye* spared thee: and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the LORD's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see; yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

g Chap. 26. 10.

12 [g] The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee; but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

h Chap. 17. 43. 2 Sam. 9. 8.
i Chap. 26. 20.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? [h] after a dead dog, after [i] a flea?

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and † deliver me out of thine hand.

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† Heb. *judge.*

16 ¶ And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 [k] And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I; for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

k Chap. 26. 21.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as, when the LORD had †delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

† Heb. *shut up.*

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? Wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, [l] I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

l Chap. 23. 17.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto [m] the hold.

m Chap. 23. 29.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Samuel dieth.* 10 *David, provoked by Nabal's churlishness, mindeth to destroy him.* 14 *Abigail, by her wisdom, pacifieth David:* 36 *Nabal, hearing thereof, dieth.*

AND [a] Samuel died: and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down [b] to the wilderness of Paran.

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a Chap. 28. 3. Ecclus. 46. 13, 20.
b Genes. 21. 21. Psal. 120. 5.

2 And *there was* a man [c] in Maon, whose ||possessions *were* in [d] Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

c Chap. 23. 24.
|| Or, *business.*
d Joshua 15. 55.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail; and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish, and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 ¶ And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young

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men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and † greet him in my name:

† Heb. *ask him in my name of peace.*

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we † hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

† Heb. *shamed.*

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee: wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes; (for we come in a good day;) give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and † ceased.

† Heb. *rested.*

10 ¶ And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? There be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

e Judg. 8. 6.

† Heb. *slaughter.*

11 e Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my † flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men whom I know not whence they *be?*

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he † railed on them:

† Heb. *flew upon them.*

† Heb. *shamed.*

15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not † hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were a wall unto us, both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred || clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

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|| Or, *lumps.*

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was *so, as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21 (Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him; and he hath requited me evil for good.

22 f So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I g leave of all that *pertain* to him, by the morning light, h any that pisseth against the wall.)

f Ruth 1. 17. Chap. 3. 17.
g Verse 34.
h 1 Kings 14. 10. & 21. 21. 2 Kings 9. 8.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and i lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

i Joshua 15. 18. Judg. 1. 14.

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be;* and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine † audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

† Heb. *ears.*

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, † regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal; for as his name *is*, so *is* he: Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I, thine handmaid, saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

† Heb. *lay it to his heart.*

26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from † avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

† Heb. *saving thyself.*

27 And now k this || blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that † follow my lord.

k Genes. 33. 11.
|| Or, *present.*
† Heb. *walk at the feet of, &c.*

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the

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soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he [1] sling out, † *as out* of the middle of a sling.

[1] Jer. 10. 18. † Heb. *in the midst of the bow of a sling.*

30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel,

† Heb. *no stagger-ing, or, stumbling.*

31 That this shall be † no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had [m] not been left unto Nabal, by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.

m Verse 22.

35 So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, [n] he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

n 2 Sam. 13. 23.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

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41 And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of her's that went † after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

† Heb. *at her feet.*

43 David also took Ahinoam [o] of Jezreel; [p] and they were also both of them his wives.

o Joshua 15. 56.
p Chap. 27. 3. & 30. 5.

44 ¶ But Saul had given [q] Michal his daughter, David's wife, to || Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

q 2 Sam. 3. 14.
|| *Phaltiel,* 2 Sam. 3. 15.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Saul cometh to Hachilah against David.* 5 *David in the trench stayeth Abishai from killing Saul, but taketh his spear and cruse.*

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, [a] Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?

a Chap. 23. 19. Psalm 54. title.

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshimon, by the way: but David abode in the wilderness; and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and [b] Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host. And Saul lay in the || trench, and the people pitched round about him.

b Chap. 14. 50. & 17. 55.
|| Or, *midst of his carriages.*

6 Then answered David, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai [c] the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

c 1 Chron. 2. 16.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

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8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath † delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.

† Heb. *shut up.*

9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: [d] for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

d 2 Sam. 1. 16.

10 David said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

11 [e] The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

e Chap. 24. 6, 12.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 ¶ Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off, a great space *being* between them:

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As* the LORD liveth, ye *are* † worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear *is*, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

† Heb. *the sons of death.*

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? [f] for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?

f Chap. 24. 9.

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him † accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD; [g] for they have driven me out this day from † abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

† Heb. *smell.*

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g Deuter. 4. 28.

† Heb. *cleaving.*

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek [h] a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

h Chap. 24. 14.

21 ¶ Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to-day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Saul, hearing David to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him.* 5 *David beggeth Ziklag of Achish.*

AND David said in his heart, I shall now † perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

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† Heb. *be consumed.*

2 And David arose, and [a] he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath.

a Chap. 25. 13.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David [b] with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

b Chap. 25. 43.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

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5 ¶ And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day; wherefore [c]Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

c See Josh. 15. 31. & 19. 5.

† Heb. *the number of days.*

† Heb. a year *of days:* See Chap. 29. 3.

7 And † the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was † a full year and four months.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up, and invaded [d]the Geshurites, [e]and the ‖ Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, [f]as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

d Josh. 13. 2.

e Joshua 16. 10.

‖ Or, *Gerzites.*

f Genes. 25. 18.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, ‖ Whither have ye made a road to-day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of [g]the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of [h]the Kenites.

‖ Or, *Did you not make a road, &c.*

g See 1 Chron. 2. 9, 25.

h Judg. 1. 16.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, so did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.

12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel † utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

† Heb. *to stink.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

3 *Saul, having destroyed the witches,* 7 *afterward seeketh to one, who, being encouraged by him, raiseth up Samuel.* 15 *Saul's ruin foreshewn.*

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AND [a]it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel: and Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

a Chap. 29. 1.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

b Chap. 25. 1.

3 ¶ Now [b]Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city: and Saul had put away [c]those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

c Levit. 19. 31. & 20. 27. Deuter. 18. 10, 11.

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4 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, [d]the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by [e]Urim, nor by prophets.

d Chap. 14. 37. Lam. 2. 9.

e Exod. 28. 30.

7 ¶ Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

8 And [f]Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up whom I shall name unto thee.

f 1 Chron. 10. 13.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said unto her, † What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was* [g]Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.

† Heb. *What is his form.*

g Ecclus. 46. 20.

15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither † by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou

† Heb. *by the hand of prophets.*

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mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

h Ecclus. 46. 20.

16 [h] Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

|| Or, *for himself.*

i Chap. 15. 28.

† Heb. *mine hand.*

17 And the LORD hath done || to him [i] as he spake by † me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David:

k Chap. 15. 9.

18 [k] Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

l 1 Chron. 10. 13.

19 [l] Moreover, the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines; and to-morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

† Heb. *made haste, and fell with the fulness of his stature.*

20 Then Saul † fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and

m Job 13. 14.

I have [m] put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me:

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength when thou goest on thy way.

23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice: so he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour and kneaded *it*, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

25 And she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants, and they did eat: then they rose up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *David marching with the Philistines,* 3 *is disallowed by their princes:* 6 *Achish dismisseth him, with commendations of his fidelity.*

a Chap. 28. 1.

b Chap. 4. 1.

NOW [a] the Philistines gathered together all their armies [b] to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel.

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2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rere-ward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *do* these Hebrews *here?* And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me [c] these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day?

c See Chap. 27. 7.

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him,

d 1 Chron. 12. 19.

[d] Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest [e] in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it* not *be* with the heads of these men?

e As Chap. 14. 21.

5 *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying,

f Chap. 18. 7. & 21. 11.

[f] Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

6 ¶ Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless, † the lords favour thee not.

† Heb. *thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.*

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou † displease not the lords of the Philistines.

† Heb. *do not evil in the eyes of the lords.*

8 ¶ And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant, so long as I have been † with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

† Heb. *before thee.*

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning, with thy master's servants that are come with thee; and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines: [g] and the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

g 2 Sam. 4. 4.

CHAP. XXX.

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1 *The Amalekites spoil Ziklag:* 9 *David, encouraged of God, pursueth them,* 16 *and overtaking them, recovereth all the spoil.*

AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire;

2 And had taken the women captives that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burnt with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

a Chap. 25. 42, 43.

5 And David's [a] two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed: for the people spake of stoning him; because the soul of all the people was † Heb. *bitter.* †grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

b Chap. 23. 6, 9.

7 [b] And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake *them,* and without fail recover *all.*

9 ¶ So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: (for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.)

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and [c] when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.

c So Judg. 15. 19. Chap. 14. 27.

13 And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days agone I fell sick.

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14 We made an invasion *upon* the south [d] of the Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of [e] Caleb; and we burnt Ziklag with fire.

d 2 Sam. 8. 18. Ezekiel 25. 16. Zeph. 2. 5. e Joshua 14. 13. & 15. 13.

15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of †the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

† Heb. *their morrow.*

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away; and David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he ||saluted them.

|| Or, *asked them how they did.*

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and *men* of Belial, of †those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.

† Heb. *men.*

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath pre-

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served us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but [f] as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

[f] See Numb. 31. 27. Josh. 22. 8. 2 Mac. 8. 28.

25 And it was *so* from that day [†] forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

[†] Heb. *and forward.*

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a [†] present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

[†] Heb. *blessing.*

27 To *them* which *were* in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in [g] south Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in [h] Jattir,

[g] Josh. 19. 8.

[h] Joshua 15. 48.

28 And to *them* which *were* in [i] Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in [k] Eshtemoa,

[i] Joshua 13. 16.

[k] Joshua 15. 50.

29 And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of [l] the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites,

[l] Chap. 27. 10.

30 And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor-ashan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach,

31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Saul having lost his army, and his sons being slain, he and his armour-bearer kill themselves.* 8 *The Philistines triumph over the dead carcases.*

NOW [a] the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down || slain in mount Gilboa.

[a] 1 Chron. 10. 1.

[||] Or, *wounded.*

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons: and the Philistines slew [b] Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons.

[b] Chap. 14. 49. 1 Chron. 8. 33.

3 And [c] the battle went sore against Saul, and the [†] archers [†] hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

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[c] See 2 Sam. 1. 6, &c.

[†] Heb. *shooters, men with bows.*

[†] Heb. *found him.*

4 [d] Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and || abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; [e] for he was sore afraid: therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

[d] So Judg. 9. 54.

[||] Or, *mock me.*

[e] 2 Sam. 1. 14.

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 [f] And they put his armour in the house of [g] Ashtaroth; and [h] they fastened his body to the wall of [i] Beth-shan.

[f] Chap. 21. 9.

[g] Judg. 2. 13.

[h] 2 Sam. 21. 12.

[i] Joshua 17. 11.

11 ¶ [k] And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard || of that which the Philistines had done to Saul,

[k] Judg. 1. 27. Chap. 11. 3, 9, 11.

[||] Or, *concerning him.*

12 [l] All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and [m] burnt them there.

[l] See Chap. 11. 1,---11. 2 Sam. 2. 4,---7.

[m] Jer. 34. 5. Amos 6. 10.

13 And they took their bones, and [n] buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, [o] and fasted seven days.

[n] 2 Sam. 2. 4, 5. & 21. 12, 13.

[o] Genes. 50. 10.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the overthrow, accuseth himself of Saul's death;* 13 *he is slain.* 17 *David's lamentation,* &c.

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NOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from [a] the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

[a] 1 Sam. 30. 17, 26.

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, [b] a man came out of the camp from Saul, [c] with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and *so* it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

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[b] Chap. 4. 10.

[c] 1 Sam. 4. 12.

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.

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4 And David said unto him, †How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

† Heb. *What was,* &c.

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, [d] Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

d See 1 Sam. 31. 2, 3, 4.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, † Here *am* I.

† Heb. *Behold me.*

8 And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me; for ‖anguish is come upon me, because my life *is* yet whole in me.

‖ Or, *my coat of mail, or, my embroidered coat, hindereth me, that my,* &c.

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and [e] rent them, and likewise all the men that *were* with him.

e Chap. 3. 31. & 13. 31.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 ¶ And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

14 And David said unto him, [f] How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?

f 1 Sam. 24. 6. & 31. 4. Ps. 105. 15.

15 And [g] David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

g Chap. 4. 10.

16 And David said unto him, [h] Thy blood *be* upon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

h 1 Sam. 26. 9.

17 ¶ And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul, and over Jonathan his son:

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18 ([i] Also he bade them teach the children of Judah *the use of* the bow: behold, *it is* written [k] in the book ‖of Jasher:)

i 1 Sam. 31. 3.

k Joshua 10. 13.

‖ Or, *of the upright.*

19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: [l] how are the mighty fallen!

l 1 Mac. 9. 21.

20 [m] Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon; lest [n] the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

m See Judg. 16. 23. Mic. 1. 10.

n See 1 Sam. 18. 6.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had* not *been* anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, [o] the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

o 1 Sam. 18. 4.

23 Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and ‖pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

‖ Or, *sweet.*

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights; who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

1 *David, by God's direction going up to Hebron, is made king of Judah.* 8 *Abner maketh Ish-bosheth king of Israel.* 18 *Asahel is slain.*

AND it came to pass after this, that David [a] enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

a Judg. 1. 1. 1 Sam. 23. 2, 4, 9. & 30. 7, 8.

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail, Nabal's wife, the Carmelite.

3 And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 [b] And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king

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b 1 Mac. 2. 57.

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over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, *That* [c] the men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul.

c 1 Sam. 31. 13.

5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, [d] Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.

d Ruth 2. 20. & 3. 10.

6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and †be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

† Heb. *be ye the sons of valour.*

8 ¶ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of †Saul's host, took ||Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

† Heb. *the host which* was *Saul's.*

|| Or, *Esh-baal,* 1 Chron. 8. 33. & 9. 39.

9 And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years: but the house of Judah followed David.

11 (And [e] the †time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.)

e Chap. 5. 5. 1 Kings 2. 11.

† Heb. *number of days.*

12 ¶ And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

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13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met †together by [f] the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

† Heb. *them together.*

f Jer. 41. 12.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose, and went over by number, twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called ||Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.

|| That is, *the field of strong men.*

17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18 ¶ And there were [g] three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was* [h] *as* light †of foot †[i] as a wild roe.

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g 1 Chron. 2. 16.

h 1 Chron. 12. 8.

† Heb. *of his feet.*

† Heb. *as one of the roes that* is *in the field.*

i Psal. 18. 33.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left †from following Abner.

† Heb. *from after Abner.*

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, I *am.*

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his ||armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

|| Or, *spoil.*

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner, with the hinder end of the spear, smote him [k] under the fifth *rib,* that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

k Chap. 3. 27. & 4. 6. & 20. 10.

24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah, by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless [l] thou hadst spoken, surely then †in the morning the people had ||gone up every one from following his brother.

l Verse 14.

† Heb. *from the morning.*

|| Or, *gone away.*

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had ga-

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thered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died.

32 ¶ And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Beth-lehem: and Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

1 *During the war David still waxeth stronger.* 6 *Abner displeased with Ish-bosheth,* 12 *revolteth to David.* 17 *David feasteth Abner.* 22 *Joab killeth Abner.* 28 *David curseth Joab,* 31 *and mourneth for Abner.*

NOW there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

[a] 1 Chron. 3. 1.

2 ¶ [a] And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, [b] of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

[b] 1 Sam. 25. 43.

3 And his second, ‖ Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king [c] of Geshur;

‖ Or, *Daniel,* 1 Chron. 3. 1.

[c] 1 Sam. 27. 8.

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* [d] Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?

[d] Chap. 21. 8, 10.

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, *Am* I [e] a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to-day with a fault concerning this woman?

[e] Deuter. 23. 18. 1 Sam. 24. 15. Chap. 9. 8. & 16. 9.

9 [f] So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;

[f] Ruth 1. 17. 1 Kings 19. 2.

10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel, and over Judah, [g] from Dan even to Beer-sheba.

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11 And he could not answer Abner a word again; because he feared him.

[g] Judg. 20. 1. 1 Kings 4. 25.

12 ¶ And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also,* Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

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13 ¶ And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, † that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

† Heb. *saying.*

14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me [h] for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

[h] 1 Sam. 18. 25, 27.

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from [i] Phaltiel the son of Laish.

[i] 1 Sam. 25. 44. *Phalti.*

16 And her husband went with her † along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

† Heb. *going and weeping.*

17 ¶ And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David † in times past *to be* king over you:

† Heb. *both yesterday and the third day.*

18 Now then do *it:* for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him: and David made Abner, and the men that *were* with him, a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told

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Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out, and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab [k] took him aside in the gate to speak with him ||quietly, and smote him there [l] under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of [m] Asahel his brother.

28 ¶ And afterward, when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the †blood of Abner the son of Ner:

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not †fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother [n] Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 ¶ And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, [o] Rend your clothes, and [p] gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the †bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before †wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.

36 And all the people took notice *of it*, and it †pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.

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37 For all the people, and all Israel, understood that day, that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I *am* this day †weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah [q] *be* too hard for me: [r] the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The Israelites being troubled at the death of Abner,* 2 *Baanah and Rechab slay Ish-bosheth.* 9 *David causeth them to be slain, and Ish-bosheth's head to be buried.*

AND when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 ¶ And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands; the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the †other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for [a] Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin;

3 And the Beerothites fled to [b] Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.)

4 And [c] Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan [d] out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame; and his name *was* ||Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him [e] under the fifth *rib:* and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

k 1 Kings 2. 5.
‖ Or, *peaceably.*
l Chap. 4. 6.
m Chap. 2. 23.
† Heb. *bloods.*
† Heb. *be cut off.*
n Chap. 2. 23.
o Josh. 7. 6.
p Genes. 37. 34.
† Heb. *bed.*
† Heb. *children of iniquity.*
† Heb. *tender.*
q Chap. 19. 7.
r See Chap. 19. 13.
1 Kings 2. 5, 6, 33, 34. Psal. 62. 12.
† Heb. *was good in their eyes.*
† Heb. *weak.*
† Heb. *second.*
a Joshua 18. 25.
b Nehem. 11. 33.
c Chap. 9. 3.
d 1 Sam. 29. 1, 11.
‖ Or, *Meribbaal,* 1 Chron. 8. 34. & 9. 40.
e Chap. 2. 23.

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8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

f Chap. 1. 2, 4, 15.
† Heb. *he was in his own eyes as a bringer, &c.*
‖ Or, *which* was *the reward I gave him for his tidings.*

10 When [f]one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, (†thinking to have brought good tidings,) I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, ‖who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron: but they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the [g]sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

g Chap. 3. 32.

CHAP. V.

1 *The tribes come to Hebron to anoint David king over Israel:* 6 *he taketh Zion from the Jebusites.*

a 1 Chron. 11. 1.
b Genes. 29. 14.

THEN [a]came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, [b]we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

c 1 Sam. 18. 13.
d 1 Sam. 16. 1, 12. Psal. 78. 71. See Chap. 7. 7.
e 1 Chron. 11. 3.
f 2 Kings 11. 17.
g Judg. 11. 11. 1 Sam. 23. 18.
h 1 Chron. 26. 31. & 29. 27.
i Chap. 2. 11. 1 Chron. 3. 4.
k Judg. 1. 21. Joshua 15. 63. Judg. 1. 8. & 19. 11, 12.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, [c]thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, [d]Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 [e]So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; [f]and king David made a league with them in Hebron [g]before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 ¶ David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, [h]*and* he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah [i]seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went [k]to Jerusalem unto [l]the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land; which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: ‖thinking, David cannot come in hither.

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‖ Or, *saying, David shall not, &c.*

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: [m]the same *is* the city of David.

m Verse 9. 1 Kings 2. 10. & 8. 1.

8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, [n]*he shall be chief and captain.* ‖Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

n 1 Chron. 11. 6.
‖ Or, *Because they had said, even the blind and the lame, He shall not come into the house.*

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it, [o]The city of David: and David built round about, from Millo and inward.

o Verse 7.

10 And David †went on, and grew great; and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

† Heb. *went going and growing.*

11 ¶ And [p]Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and †masons: and they built David an house.

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p 1 Kings 5. 2. 1 Chron. 14. 1.
† Heb. *hewers of the stone of the wall.*

12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 ¶ And [q]David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

q 1 Chron. 3. 9. & 14. 3.

14 And [r]these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; ‖Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

r 1 Chron. 3. 5.
‖ Or, *Shimea.*

15 Ibhar also, and ‖Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

‖ Or, *Elishama.*

16 And Elishama, and ‖Eliada, and Eliphalet.

‖ Or, *Beeliada.*

17 ¶ [s]But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it,* [t]and went down to the hold.

s 1 Chron. 11. 16. & 14. 8.
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t Chap. 23. 14.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in [u]the valley of Rephaim.

u Joshua 15. 8.

19 And David [x]enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

x Chap. 2. 1.

20 And David came to [y]Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore

y Isa. 28. 21.

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he called the name of that place || Baal-perazim.

|| That is, *The plain of breaches.*

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men [z] || burnt them.

z 1 Chron. 14. 12.

|| Or, *took them away.*

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

a Verse 19.

23 And when [a] David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees.

24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then [b] shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

b Judg. 4. 14.

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

1 *David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart.* 5 *Uzzah is smitten.* 12 *David danceth before the ark.* 23 *Michal's barrenness.*

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AGAIN, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

a 1 Chron. 13. 5, 6.

2 And [a] David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from || Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, || whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts, [b] that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.

|| Or, *Baalah*, that is, *Kirjath-jearim*, Josh. 15. 9, 60.

|| Or, *at which the name*, even *the name of the* LORD *of hosts, was called upon.*

b 1 Sam. 4. 4. Psal. 80. 1.

3 And they † set the ark of God [c] upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in || Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.

† Heb. *made to ride.*

c See Numb. 7. 9. 1 Sam. 6. 7.

4 And they brought it out of [d] the house of Abinadab, which *was* at Gibeah, † accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

|| Or, *The hill.*

d 1 Sam. 7. 1.

5 And David, and all the house of Israel, played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* firwood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

† Heb. *with.*

e 1 Chron. 13. 9. he is called *Chidon.*

6 ¶ And when they came to [e] Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah [f] put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen || shook *it.*

f See Numb. 4. 15.

|| Or, *stumbled.*

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and [g] God smote him there for *his* || error; and there he died by the ark of God.

g 1 Sam. 6. 19.

|| Or, *rashness.*

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had † made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place ||Perez-uzzah to this day.

† Heb. *broken.*

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9 And [h] David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

|| That is, *The breach of Uzzah.*

h See Psalm 119. 120.

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom [i] the Gittite.

i 1 Chron. 13. 13.

11 [k] And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

k 1 Chron. 13. 14.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. [l] So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

l 1 Chron. 15. 25.

13 And it was *so*, that, when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed [m] oxen and fatlings.

m See 1 Chron. 15. 26.

14 And David [n] danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

n See Exod. 15. 20.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And [o] as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

o 1 Chron. 15. 29.

17 ¶ And [p] they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in [q] his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had † pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

p 1 Chron. 16. 1.

q 1 Chron. 15. 1.

† Heb. *stretched.*

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, [r] he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

r 1 Kings 8. 55. 1 Chron. 16. 2.

19 [s] And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house.

s 1 Chron. 16. 3.

20 ¶ [t] Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of

t Psalm 30. title.

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the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows ‖ shamelessly uncovereth himself!

‖ Or, *openly.*

21 And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, [u] which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

u 1 Sam. 13. 14.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and ‖ of the maid-servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

‖ Or, *of the handmaids* of my servants.

23 Therefore Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child [x] unto the day of her death.

x See 1 Sam. 15. 35. Isa. 22. 14. Mat. 1. 25.

CHAP. VII.

4 *God forbiddeth David to build him an house:* 12 *blessings promised him.* 18 *David's prayer and thanksgiving.*

a 1 Chron. 17. 1.

AND it came to pass, [a] when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies,

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in [b] an house of cedar, [c] but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

b Chap. 5. 11.
c See Acts 7. 46.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart: for the LORD *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell † my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, [d] Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

† Heb. *to my servant, to David.*
d See 1 Kings 5. 5. 1 Chron. 22. 8. & 28. 3.

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* house [e] since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

e 1 Kings 8. 16.

7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with ‖ any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded [f] to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

‖ 1 Chron. 17. 6. *any of the judges.*
f Chap. 5. 2.

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, [g] I took thee from the sheep-cote, † from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

g 1 Sam. 16. 11, 12. Psal. 78. 70.
† Heb. *from after.*

9 And [h] I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, [i] and have cut off all thine enemies † out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

h Chap. 8. 6, 14.
i Ps. 89. 23.
† Heb. *from thy face.*

10 Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; [k] neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

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k Psalm 89. 22.

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee, [l] that he will make thee an house.

l Exod. 1. 21.

12 ¶ And [m] when thy days be fulfilled, and thou [n] shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

m 1 Kings 2. 1.
n Deuter. 31. 16. Acts 13. 36.

13 [o] He shall build an house for my name; and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

o 1 Kings 5. 5. & 6. 12. 1 Chron. 22. 10. & 28. 6.

14 [p] I will be his father, and he shall be my son. [q] If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

p Hebr. 1. 5.
q Psalm 89. 26, 27, 30, 31, 32.

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And [r] thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

r Psalm 89. 36, 37. John 12. 34.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 ¶ Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come: [s] and *is* this the † manner of man, O Lord GOD?

s Isa. 55. 8.
† Heb. *law.*

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know *them.*

22 Wherefore thou art great, O Lord GOD: for [t] *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

t Deuter. 3. 24. & 4. 35. & 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 2. Psal. 86. 8. & 89. 6, 8. Isa. 45. 5, 18, 22.

23 And [u] what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, be-

u Deuter. 4. 7, 32. & 33. 29. Psa. 147. 20.

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fore thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: [x] and thou, LORD, art become their God.

[x] Psalm 48. 14.

25 And now, O Lord GOD, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast †revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house; therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

† Heb. *opened the ear,* Ruth 4. 4. 1 Sam. 9. 15.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and [y] thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

[y] John 17. 17.

29 Therefore now †let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it;* and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

† Heb. *be thou pleased, and bless.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 *David subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites:* 3 *he smiteth Hadadezer and the Syrians:* 15 *his officers.*

cir. 1040. [a] 1 Chron. 18. 1, &c.

AND [a] after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took ‖ Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

‖ Or, *The bridle of Ammah.*

[b] Numb. 24. 17.

2 And [b] he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive: and *so* the Moabites [c] became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

[c] Verse 6, 14.

‖ Or, *Hadarezer,* 1 Chron. 18. 3.

3 ¶ David smote also ‖ Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of [d] Zobah, as he went to recover [e] his border at the river Euphrates.

[d] Psalm 60. title.

[e] See Gen. 15. 18.

‖ Or, *of his.* ‖ As 1 Chron. 18. 4.

4 And David took ‖ from him a thousand ‖ *chariots,* and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David [f] houghed all the chariot-*horses,* but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.

[f] Josh. 11. 6.

5 [g] And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

[g] 1 Kings 11. 23, 24, 25.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians [h] became servants to David, *and* brought gifts. [i] And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

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[h] Verse 2.

[i] Verse 14.

7 And David took [k] the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

[k] See 1 Kings 10. 16.

8 And from ‖ Betah, and from ‖ Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

‖ Or, *Tibhath.* ‖ Or, *Chun,* 1 Chron. 18. 8.

9 ¶ When ‖ Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

‖ Or, *Tou,* 1 Chron. 18. 9.

10 Then Toi sent [l] Joram his son unto king David, to †salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: (for Hadadezer †had wars with Toi:) and *Joram* †brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

[l] 1 Chron. 18. 10. *Hadoram.*

† Heb. *ask him of peace.*

† Heb. *was a man of wars with.*

† Heb. *in his hand were.*

11 Which also king David [m] did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

[m] 1 Chron. 18. 11. & 26. 26.

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David gat *him* a name when he returned from †smiting of the Syrians in [n] the valley of Salt, [o] ‖ *being* eighteen thousand *men.*

† Heb. *his smiting.*

[n] 2 Kings 14. 7.

[o] See 1 Chron. 18. 12. Psalm 60. title.

‖ Or, *slaying.*

14 ¶ And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons: and [p] all they of Edom became David's servants. [q] And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

[p] Gen. 27. 37, 40. Numb. 24. 18.

[q] Verse 6.

15 ¶ And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

[r] 1 Chron. 18. 15.

[s] Chap. 19. 13. & 20. 23.

16 [r] And Joab, the son of Zeruiah, *was* [s] over the host; and [t] Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, *was* ‖ recorder;

[t] 1 Kings 4. 3.

‖ Or, *remembrancer,* or, *writer of chronicles.*

17 And [u] Zadok, the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech, the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Seraiah *was* the ‖ scribe;

[u] 1 Chron. 24. 3.

‖ Or, *secretary.*

18 [x] And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, *was over* both the [y] Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ‖ chief rulers.

[x] 1 Chron. 18. 17.

[y] 1 Sam. 30. 14.

‖ Or, *princes.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *David sendeth for Mephibosheth,* 7 *and for Jonathan's sake restoreth him all that was Saul's.*

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

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2 And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant, whose name *was* [a]Ziba: and when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he*.

[a] Chap. 16. 1. & 19. 17, 29.

3 And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew [b]the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is* [c]lame on *his* feet.

[b] 1 Sam. 20. 14.

[c] Chap. 4. 4.

4 And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of [d]Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

[d] Chap. 17. 27.

5 ¶ Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 Now, when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold thy servant!

7 ¶ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What *is* thy servant, that thou should-est look upon such a dead [e]dog as I *am?*

[e] 1 Sam. 24. 14.

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, [f]I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul, and to all his house.

[f] See Chap. 19. 29.

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, [g]whose name *was* Micah: and all that dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth.

[g] 1 Chron. 8. 34.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and [h]was lame on both his feet.

[h] Verse 3.

CHAP. X.

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1 *David's messengers sent to comfort Hanun, are shamefully entreated.*
6 *The Ammonites are overcome.*

AND it came to pass after this, that the [a]king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead.

[a] 1 Chron. 19. 1.

2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, †Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow *it?*

† Heb. *In thine eyes doth David?*

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, [b]*even* to their buttocks, and sent them away.

[b] Isa. 20. 4. & 47. 2.

5 When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired [c]the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men.

[c] Chap. 8. 3, 5.

7 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field.

9 When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Am-

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mon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

cir. 1036.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river; and they came to Helam: and ‖ Shobach, the captain of the host of Hadarezer, *went* before them.

‖ Or, *Shophach*, 1 Chron. 19. 16.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam: and the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand [d] horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

d 1 Chron. 19. 18. *footmen.*

19 And when all the kings *that were* servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Joab besiegeth Rabbah.* 2 *David committeth adultery with Bath-sheba.* 14 *Uriah slain.* 26 *David taketh Bath-sheba to wife.*

cir. 1035. † Heb. *at the return of the year*, 1 Kings 20. 22, 26. 2 Chron. 36. 10.

AND it came to pass † after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that [a] David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah: but David tarried still at Jerusalem.

a 1 Chron. 20. 1.

2 ¶ And it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, [b] and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

b Deuter. 22. 8.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this ‖ Bath-sheba, the daughter of ‖ Eliam, the wife [c] of Uriah the Hittite?

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‖ Or, *Bath-shua*, 1 Chron. 3. 5.

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and [d] he lay with her; (‖ for she was [e] purified from her uncleanness;) and she returned unto her house.

‖ Or, *Ammiel.*

c Chap. 23. 39.

d Psalm 51. title.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I *am* with child.

‖ Or, *and when she had purified herself, &c. she returned.*

e Levit. 15. 19. & 18. 19.

6 ¶ And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* † how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

† Heb. *of the peace of, &c.*

8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there † followed him a mess *of meat* from the king.

† Heb. *went out after him.*

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and [f] my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields: shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *As* thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

f Chap. 20. 6.

12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the † hottest battle, and retire ye † from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

† Heb. *strong.*

† Heb. *from after him.*

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned

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Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 ¶ Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

g Judg. 9. 53. 21 Who smote [g] Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 ¶ So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing † displease thee; for the sword devoureth † one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it; and encourage thou him.

† Heb. *be evil in thine eyes.*
† Heb. *so and such.*

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done † displeased the LORD.

† Heb. *was evil in the eyes of.*

CHAP. XII.

1 *Nathan's parable.* 13 *David confesseth his sin, and is pardoned.* 24 *Solomon is born.* 26 *Rabbah is taken.*

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AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David: and [a] he came unto him, and [b] said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

a Psalm 51. title.
b See Chap. 14. 5, &c. 1 Kings 20. 35,---41.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds;

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3 But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe-lamb, which he had bought, and nourished up; and it grew up together with him, and with his children: it did eat of his own † meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

† Heb. *morsel.*

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man; and he spared to take of his own flock, and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* || shall surely die:

|| Or, is *worthy to die.*

6 And he shall restore the lamb [c] four-fold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

c Exod. 22. 1.

7 ¶ And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I [d] anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

d 1 Sam. 16. 13.

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will [e] take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

e Deuter. 28. 30. Chap. 16. 22.

12 For thou didst *it* secretly: [f] but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

f Chap. 16. 22.

13 ¶ [g] And David said unto Nathan, [h] I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, [i] The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

g See 1 Sam. 15. 24.
h Psalm 32. 5. & 51. 4.
i Eccius. 47. 11.

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14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD [k] to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

[k] Isa. 52. 5. Ezekiel 36. 20, 23. Rom. 2. 24.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house: and the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David † fasted, and went in, and [l] lay all night upon the earth.

† Heb. *fasted a fast.*

[l] Chap. 13. 31.

17 And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how will he then † vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

† Heb. *do hurt.*

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself,* and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and, when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: [m] for I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

[m] See Isaiah 38. 1. Jonah 3. 9.

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but [n] he shall not return to me.

[n] Job 7. 8, 9, 10.

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24 ¶ And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and [o] she bare a son, and [p] he called his name Solomon; and the LORD loved him.

[o] Mat. 1. 6.

[p] 1 Chron. 22. 9.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name ‖ Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

‖ That is, *Beloved of the Lord.*

26 ¶ And [q] Joab fought against [r] Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

[q] 1 Chron. 20. 1.

[r] Deuter. 3. 11.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

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28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and † it be called after my name.

† Heb. *my name be called upon it.*

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 [s] And he took their king's crown from off his head, (the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones,) and it was *set* on David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city † in great abundance.

[s] 1 Chron. 20. 2.

† Heb. *very great.*

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Amnon loving Tamar, by Jonadab's counsel feigning himself sick, defileth her:* 15 *he hateth her, and shamefully turneth her away.*

AND it came to pass after this, [a] that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

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[a] Chap. 3. 2, 3.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin: and † Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

† Heb. *it was marvellous, or, hidden, in the eyes of Amnon.*

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* Jonadab, [b] the son of Shimeah, David's brother: and Jonadab *was* a very subtile man.

[b] See 1 Sam. 16. 9.

4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, † lean † from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.

† Heb. *thin.*

† Heb. *morning by morning.*

5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick; and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see *it,* and eat *it* at her hand.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my

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sister come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; (and he was laid down;) and she took ‖ flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

‖ Or, *paste.*

9 And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him: but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not † force me; for [c] † no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

† Heb. *humble me.*

[c] Lev. 18. 9.

† Heb. *it ought not so to be done.*

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice; but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

† Heb. *with great hatred greatly.*

15 ¶ Then Amnon hated her † exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her: and Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

[d] Psalm 45. 14.

18 [d] And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her; for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

[e] Josh. 7. 6. Job 2. 12.

19 ¶ And Tamar put [e] ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and [f] laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

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20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath † Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; † regard not this thing. So Tamar remained † desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

[f] Jer. 2. 37.

† Heb. *Amnon.*

† Heb. *set not thine heart.*

† Heb. *and desolate.*

21 ¶ But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 ¶ And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom [g] had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which *is* beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

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[g] See Gen. 38. 12. 1 Sam. 25. 4, 36.

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants, go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: ‖ have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be † valiant.

‖ Or, *will you not, since I have commanded you?*

† Heb. *sons of valour.*

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded: then all the king's sons arose, and every man † gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

† Heb. *rode.*

30 ¶ And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, and [h] tare his garments, and [i] lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

[h] Chap. 1. 11.

[i] Chap. 12. 16.

32 And Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead:

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for by the †appointment of Absalom this hath been ||determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

† Heb. *mouth.*

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, || Or, *settled.* to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill's-side behind him.

35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come! † Heb. *according to the word of thy servant.* †as thy servant said, so it is.

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept; and the king also, and all his servants, wept †very sore. †Heb. *with a great weeping greatly.*

37 ¶ But Absalom fled, [k] and went to Talmai, the son of ||Ammihud, king of Geshur: and *David* mourned for his son every day. k Chap. 3. 3. || Or, *Ammihur.*

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And *the soul of* king David ||longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead. || Or, *was consumed.*

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Joab suborning a widow of Tekoah to incline the king's heart to fetch home Absalom,* 28 *he bringeth him to Jerusalem.*

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NOW Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom.

2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, [a] and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead; a Ruth 3. 3.

3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, †Help, O king! † Heb. *Save.*

5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, [b] I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. b See Chap. 12. 1.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* †none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. † Heb. *no deliverer between them.*

7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder †upon the earth. Before CHRIST 1027. † Heb. *upon the face of the earth.*

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, †that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, [c] *As* the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. † Heb. *that the revenger of blood do not multiply to destroy.* c 1 Sam. 14. 45. Acts 27. 34.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: ||neither doth God respect *any* person; yet doth he devise means that his banished be not expelled from him. || Or, *because God hath not taken away his life, he hath also devised means, &c.*

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be †comfortable: [d] for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king, †to discern good and bad; therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee. † Heb. *for rest.* d Verse 20. Chap. 19. 27. † Heb. *to hear.*

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18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing; and my lord *is* wise, [e]according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

[e] Verse 17. Chap. 19. 27.

21 ¶ And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and †thanked the king: and Joab said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of ‖his servant.

† Heb. *blessed.*

‖ Or, *thy.*

23 So Joab arose, [f]and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

[f] Chap. 13. 37.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

† Heb. *And as Absalom there was not a beautiful man in all Israel to praise greatly.*

25 ¶ †But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled *it;* because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it,) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king's weight.

[g] See Chap. 18. 18.

27 And [g]unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is †near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

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† Heb. *near my place.*

31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom. 1025.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Absalom stealeth the hearts of Israel:*
10 *he formeth a conspiracy.*

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom [a]prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 1024. [a] 1 Kings 1. 5.

2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was *so,* that when any man that had a controversy †came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.

† Heb. *to come.*

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but ‖*there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

‖ Or, *none will hear thee from the king* down ward.

4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

5 And it was *so,* that when any man came nigh *to him,* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And it came to pass [a]after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. 1023. [a] 1 Sam. 16. 1.

8 [b]For thy servant vowed a vow [c]while I abode at Geshur in Syria, [b] 1 Sam. 16. 2. [c] Chap. 13. 38.

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saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* [d] called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

d 1 Sam. 9. 13. & 16. 3, 5.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices: and the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and † bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

† Heb. *thrust.*

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall † appoint.

† Heb. *choose.*

16 And [e] the king went forth, and all his household † after him: and the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.

e Psalm 3. title.

† Heb. *at his feet.*

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and [f] all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

f Chap. 8. 18.

19 ¶ Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? Return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day † make thee go up and down with us? Seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee.

† Heb. *make thee wander in going.*

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

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22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook || Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

|| Called, John 18. 1. *Cedron.*

24 ¶ And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it and his habitation.

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, *Art not* thou a [g] seer? Return into the city in peace, and [h] your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

g 1 Sam. 9. 9.

h See Chap. 17. 17.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem; and they tarried there.

30 ¶ And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, † and wept as he went up, and [i] had his head covered; and he went barefoot: and all the people that *was* with him [k] covered every man his head, and they went up, [l] weeping as they went up.

† Heb. *going up and weeping.*

i Chap. 19. 4. Esth. 6. 12.

k Jer. 14. 3, 4.

l Ps. 126. 6.

31 ¶ [m] And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, [n] turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

m Psalm 3. title. Psalm 55. 12, &c.

n Chap. 17. 14, 23.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount*, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him [o] with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

o Chap. 1. 2.

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, [p] I will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy

p Chap. 16. 19.

father's servant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, [q] thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, *they have* there [r] with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's *son*, and Jonathan Abiathar's *son*; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hushai, [s] David's friend, came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Ziba by false suggestions obtaineth his master's inheritance.* 5 *Shimei curseth David.* 9 *David abstaineth and restraineth others from revenge.* 20 *Ahithophel's counsel.*

AND [a] when David was a little past the top *of the hill*, behold, [b] Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer-fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer-fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, [c] that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? [d] And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To-day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, † I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 ¶ And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, [e] thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei, the son of Gera: || he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people, and all the mighty men, *were* on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei, when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou † bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, † behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

9 ¶ Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this [f] dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, [g] What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because [h] the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this* Benjamite *do it?* Let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine || † affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and † cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

15 ¶ And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, [i] David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, † God save the king, God save the king.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, [k] whom should I serve? *should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

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q Chap. 17. 15, 16.

r Verse 27.

s Chap. 16. 16. 1 Chron. 27. 33.

a Chap. 15. 30, 32.

b Chap. 9. 2.

c Chap. 15. 23.

d Chap. 19. 27.

† Heb. *I do obeisance.*

e 1 Kings 2. 8.

|| Or, *he still came forth and cursed.*

† Heb. *man of blood.*

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† Heb. *behold thee in thy evil.*

f 1 Sam. 24. 14. Chap. 9. 8.

g Chap. 19. 22.

h See 2 Kings 18. 25. Lam. 3. 38.

|| Or, *tears.*
† Heb. *eye.*

† Heb. *dusted him with dust.*

i Chap. 15. 37.

† Heb *Let the king live.*

k Chap. 15. 34.

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21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines [l] in the sight of all Israel.

[l] Chap. 12. 11, 12.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, *was* as if a man had enquired at the † oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel [m] both with David and with Absalom.

† Heb. *word.*

[m] Chap. 15. 12.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Ahithophel's counsel is overthrown by Hushai's, according to God's appointment.* 15 *Secret intelligence is sent unto David.* 23 *Ahithophel hangeth himself.*

MOREOVER, Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night.

2 And I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only.

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee; the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace.

† Heb. *was right in the eyes of,* &c.

4 And the saying † pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise † what he saith.

† Heb. *what* is *in his mouth.*

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his † saying? if not, speak thou.

† Heb. *word.*

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath † given *is* not good at this time.

† Heb. *counselled.*

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* † chafed in their minds, as [a] a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

† Heb. *bitter of soul.*

[a] Hosea 13. 8.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be † overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

† Heb. *fallen.*

10 And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men.

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11 Therefore I counsel, that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, [b] from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and † that thou go to battle in thine own person.

[b] Judges 20. 1.

† Heb. *that thy face,* or, *presence go,* &c.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him, and of all the men that *are* with him, there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel: for [c] the LORD had † appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

[c] Chap. 15. 31.

† Heb. *commanded.*

15 ¶ [d] Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

[d] Chap. 15. 35.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

17 [e] Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by [f] En-rogel; (for they might not be seen to come into the city;) and a wench went and told them: and they went and told king David.

[e] Chap. 15. 27, 36.

[f] Joshua 15. 7. & 18. 16.

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house [g] in Bahurim, which had a well in his court, whither they went down.

[g] Chap. 16. 5.

19 And [h] the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

[h] See Josh. 2. 6, &c.

20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And [i] the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they

[i] See Exod. 1. 19.

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had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not †followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and †put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

† Heb. *done.*

† Heb. *gave charge concerning his house.*

24 Then David came to Mahanaim: and Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 ¶ And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa *was* a man's son, whose name *was* ||Ithra, an Israelite, that went in to [k]†Abigail, the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

|| Or, *Jether an Ishmaelite.*
[k] 1 Chron. 2. 16, 17.
† Heb. *Abigal.*

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi, the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and [l]Machir, the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and [m]Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

[l] Chap. 9. 4.
[m] Chap. 19. 31, 32. 1 Kings 2. 7.

28 Brought beds, and ||basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*,

|| Or, *cups.*

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they said, The people *is* hungry, and weary, and thirsty, [n]in the wilderness.

[n] Chap. 16. 2.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *David, viewing the armies, giveth them charge of Absalom.* 9 *Absalom hanging in an oak, is slain by Joab:* 33 *David lamenteth him.*

AND David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, [a]and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

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[a] Chap. 15. 19.

3 [b]But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not †care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* †worth ten thousand of us; therefore now *it is* better that thou †succour us out of the city.

[b] Chap. 21. 17.
† Heb. *set their heart on us.*
† Heb. *as ten thousand of us.*
† Heb. *be to succour.*

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people came out by hundreds, and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gently, for my sake, with the young man, *even* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David; and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood †devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

† Heb. *multiplied to devour.*

9 ¶ And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him*; and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle.

12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should †receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, †Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom.

† Heb. *weigh upon mine hand.*
† Heb. *Beware whosoever ye be of, &c.*

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for

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there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*.

14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus † with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the † midst of the oak.

† Heb. *before thee.*

† Heb. *heart.*

15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and [c] laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and [*] all Israel fled every one to his tent.

c Josh. 7. 26.

18 ¶ Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in [d] the king's dale: for he said, [e] I have no son to keep my name in remembrance; and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's Place.

d Genes. 14. 17.

e See Chap. 14. 27.

19 ¶ Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath † avenged him of his enemies.

† Heb. *judged him from the hand*, &c.

20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not † bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

† Heb. *be a man of tidings.*

21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But † howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings || ready?

† Heb. *be what* may.

|| Or, *convenient.*

23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and over-ran Cushi.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

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27 And the watchman said, † Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

† Heb. *I see the running.*

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, || † All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath † delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

|| Or, *Peace be to thee.*

† Heb. *Peace.*

† Heb. *shut up.*

29 And the king said, † Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

† Heb. Is there *peace?*

30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi said, † Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

† Heb. *Tidings is brought.*

32 And the king said unto Cushi, *Is* the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and, as he went, thus he said, [f] O my son Absalom! my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

f Chap. 19. 4.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Joab causeth the king to cease his mourning.* 9 *The Israelites bring the king back.* 11 *David sendeth to the priests to incite the men of Judah.* 16 *Of Shimei:* 23 *he is pardoned.*

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 And the † victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people; for the people heard say that day, how the king was grieved for his son.

† Heb. *salvation*, or, *deliverance.*

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day [a] into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

a Verse 32.

4 But the king [b] covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice,

b Chap. 15. 30.

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[c] O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 † In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends: for thou hast declared this day, † that thou regardest neither princes nor servants; for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak † comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night; and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king; for Israel had fled, every man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle: now ‡ therefore why † speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 [d] And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? [e] God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, [f] even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

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16 ¶ And [g] Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and [h] Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the king's household, and to do † what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember [i] that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?

22 And David said, [k] What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? [l] Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel?

23 Therefore [m] the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die: and the king sware unto him.

24 ¶ And [n] Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came *again* in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king, because thy servant *is* lame.

c Chap. 18. 33.

† Heb. *By loving, &c.*

† Heb. *that princes or servants* are *not to thee.*

† Heb. *to the heart of thy servants.*

‡ Heb. are ye silent?

d Chap. 17. 25.
e Ruth 1. 17.

f Judg. 20. 1.

g Chap. 16. 5. 1 Kings 2. 8.

h Chap. 16. 1, 2.

† Heb. *the good in his eyes.*

i Chap. 16. 5.

k Chap. 16. 10.

l 1 Sam. 11. 13.

m 1 Kings 2. 8, 9, 37, 46.

n Chap. 9. 6.

27 And [o]he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; [p]but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

28 For all *of* my father's house were but † dead men before my lord the king; [q]yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table: what right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And [r]Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and [s]he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, † How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing-men and singing-women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother: but behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt † require of me, *that* will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and † Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 ¶ And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen thee away, and have brought the king and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*? or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye † despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And [t]the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Sheba maketh a party in Israel.* 10 *Amasa is slain.* 14 *Joab pursueth Sheba unto Abel.* 16 *A wise woman saveth the city by Sheba's head.*

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name *was* Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew a trumpet, and said, [a]We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: [b]every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women *his* [c]concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in † ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them: so they were † shut up unto the day of their death, † living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, [d]† Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

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o Chap. 16. 3.
p Chap. 14. 17, 20.
† Heb. *men of death.*
q Chap. 9. 7, 10, 13.
r 1 Kings 2. 7.
s Chap. 17. 27.
† Heb. *How many days are the years of my life?*
† Heb. *choose.*

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† Heb. *Chimham.*
† Heb. *set us at light.*
t See Judg. 8. 1. & 12. 1.

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a Chap. 19. 43.
b 1 Kings 12. 16. 2 Chron. 10. 16.
c Chap. 15. 16. & 16. 21, 22.
† Heb. *a house of ward.*
† Heb. *bound.*
† Heb. *in widowhood of life.*
d Chap. 19. 13.
† Heb. *Call.*

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6 And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than *did* Absalom: take thou [e] thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and † escape us.

e Chap. 11. 11.

† Heb. *deliver himself from our eyes.*

7 And there went out after him Joab's men, and the [f] Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

f Chap. 8. 18.

8 When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went before them: and Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? [g] And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

g Matth. 26. 49.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so [h] he smote him therewith [i] in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and † struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

h 1 Kings 2. 5.

i Chap. 2. 23.

† Heb. *doubled not his stroke.*

11 And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway: and when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and || it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Joab † battered the wall, to throw it down.

|| Or, *it stood against the outmost wall*

† Heb. *marred to throw down.*

16 ¶ Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, I *am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

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18 Then she spake, saying, || They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*.

|| Or, *They plainly spake in the beginning, saying, Surely they will ask of Abel, and so make an end:* See Deuter. 20. 11.

19 I *am one of them that are* peaceable *and* faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, (Sheba the son of Bichri † by name,) hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

† Heb. *by his name.*

22 Then the woman went unto all the people [k] in her wisdom: and they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab: and he blew a trumpet, and they † retired from the city, every man to his tent; and Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

k Eccles. 9. 14.

† Heb. *were scattered.*

23 ¶ Now [l] Joab *was* over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites, and over the Pelethites;

l Chap. 8. 16.

24 And Adoram *was* over the tribute; and [m] Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* || recorder;

m Chap. 8. 16. 1 Kings 4. 3.

|| Or, *remembrancer.*

25 And Sheva *was* scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests;

26 [n] And Ira also the Jairite was || a chief ruler about David.

n Chap. 23. 38.

|| Or, *a prince.*

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The three years' famine for the Gibeonites cease, by hanging seven of Saul's sons.* 10 *Rizpah's kindness unto the dead.* 12 *David burieth the bones of Saul and Jonathan.*

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THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David † enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

† Heb. *sought the face, &c.* See Numb. 27. 21.

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them: (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but [a] of the remnant of the Amorites, and the children of Israel had sworn unto them; and Saul sought

a Josh. 9. 3, 16, 17.

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to slay them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah:)

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, ||We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do for you.

|| Or, It is *not silver nor gold that we have to do with Saul or his house, neither pertains it to us to kill*, &c.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that ||devised against us, *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

|| Or, *cut us off.*

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in [b]Gibeah of Saul, [c]||*whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.

b 1 Sam. 10. 26. & 11. 4.

c 1 Sam. 10. 24.

|| Or, *chosen of the LORD.*

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of [d]the LORD's oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

d 1 Sam. 18. 3. & 20. 8. 15, 42. & 23. 18.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the five sons of ||Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she †brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:

|| Or, *Michal's sister.*

† Heb. *bare to Adriel.*

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9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley-harvest.

e Chap. 3. 7.

10 ¶ And [e]Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12 ¶ And David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the [f]Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa:

f 1 Sam. 31. 10.

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

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14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded: and after that God was entreated for the land.

15 ¶ Moreover, the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint.

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16 And Ishbi-benob, which *was* of the sons of ||the giant, (the weight of whose †spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight,) he, being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

|| Or, *Rapha.*

† Heb. *the staff*, or, the *head.*

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, [g]Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the [h]†light of Israel.

g Chap. 18. 3.

h 1 Kings 11. 36. Ps. 132. 17.

† Heb. *candle*, or, *lamp.*

18 [i]And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then [k]Sibbechai the Hushathite slew ||Saph, which *was* of the sons of ||the giant.

i 1 Chron. 20. 4.

k 1 Chron. 11. 29.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of ||Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew [l]*the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam.

|| Or, *Sippai.*

|| Or, *Rapha.*

|| Or, *Jair.*

l See 1 Chron. 20. 5.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to ||the giant.

|| Or, *Rapha.*

21 And when he ||defied Israel, Jonathan the son of [m]Shimeah, the brother of David, slew him.

|| Or, *reproached*, 1 Sam. 17. 10, 25, 26.

m 1 Sam. 16. 9. *Shammah.*

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXII.

A psalm of thanksgiving for God's powerful deliverances and manifold blessings.

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said, [a]The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

a Deuter. 32. 4. Psal. 18. 2, &c.

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3 The God of my rock; [b] in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

[b] Hebr. 2. 13.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the || waves of death compassed me, the floods of † ungodly men made me afraid;

|| Or, *pangs.*

† Heb. *Belial.*

6 The || sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.

|| Or, *cords.*

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled; [c] the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth.

[c] Job 26. 11.

9 There went up a smoke † out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

† Heb. *by.*

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, † dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.

† Heb. *binding of waters.*

13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of || many waters;

|| Or, *great.*

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

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23 For all his judgments *were* before me; and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also upright † before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity.

† Heb. *to him.*

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness † in his eyesight.

† Heb. *before his eyes.*

26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; and with the upright man thou shalt shew thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and [d] with the froward thou wilt || shew thyself unsavoury.

[d] Levit. 26. 21, 27, 28.

|| Or, *wrestle,* Psal. 18. 26.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down.

29 For thou *art* my || lamp, O LORD; and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

|| Or, *candle.*

30 For by thee I have || run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

|| Or, *broken a troop.*

31 *As for* God, [e] his way *is* perfect; [f] the word of the LORD *is* || tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

[e] Deuter. 32. 4. Dan. 4. 37. Rev. 15. 3.

[f] Psalm 12. 6. & 119. 140. Prov. 30. 5.

32 For [g] who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God?

|| Or, *refined.*

[g] 1 Sam. 2. 2. Isa. 45. 5, 6.

33 God *is* my strength *and* power; and he † maketh my way perfect.

† Heb. *riddeth,* or, *looseth.*

34 He † maketh my feet like hinds' *feet;* and setteth me upon my high places.

† Heb. *equalleth.*

35 He teacheth my hands † to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

† Heb. *for the war.*

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy gentleness hath † made me great.

† Heb. *multiplied me.*

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my † feet did not slip.

† Heb. *ankles.*

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise; yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou † subdued under me.

† Heb *caused to bow.*

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

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42 They looked, but *there was* none to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not shall serve me.

† Heb. *sons of the stranger.* ‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience.* † Heb. *lie.* See Deuter. 33. 29.

45 †Strangers shall ‖†submit themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

† Heb. *giveth avengement for me.*

48 It *is* God that †avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto
h Rom. 15. 9. thee, O LORD, among h the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 *He is* the tower of salvation for his king; and sheweth mercy to his
i Chap. 7. 12. anointed, unto David, and i to his seed for evermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *David professeth his faith in God's promises.* 8 *The names of his mighty men.*

NOW these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse
a Psalm 89. 27. said, a and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

b Deuter. 32. 4. Chap. 22. 2, 32. ‖ Or, *Be thou ruler,* &c.

3 The God of Israel said, b the Rock of Israel spake to me, ‖ He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God:

c Judg. 5. 31. Psal. 89. 36. Prov. 4. 18. Hosea 6. 5.

4 And c *he shall be* as the light of the morning *when* the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

d Chap. 7. 15, 16. Psal. 89. 29.

5 Although my house *be* not so with God; d yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things,* and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although he make *it* not to grow.

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6 But *the sons* of Belial *shall be* all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

† Heb. *filled.*

7 But the man *that* shall touch them must be †fenced with iron, and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burnt with fire in the *same* place.

‖ Or, *Josheb-bassebet the Tachmonite, head of the three.* ‖ See 1 Chron. 11. 11. & 27. 2. † Heb. *slain.* e 1 Chron. 11. 12. & 27. 4.

8 ¶ These *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had: ‖ The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same *was* Adino the Eznite: ‖ *he lift up his spear* against eight hundred, † whom he slew at one time.

9 And after him *was* e Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away;

10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

f 1 Chron. 11. 27. ‖ Or, *for foraging.*

11 And after him *was* f Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite: and the Philistines were gathered together ‖ into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles; and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

g 1 Chron. 11. 15. ‖ Or, *the three captains over the thirty.* h 1 Sam. 22. 1. i Chap. 5. 18.

13 And g ‖ three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest-time unto h the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in i the valley of Rephaim.

14 And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then *in* Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate!

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it,* and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD:

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

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18 And [k] Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three: and he lifted up his spear against three hundred, † *and* slew *them,* and had the name among three.

k 1 Chron. 11. 20.

† Heb. *slain.*

19 Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain; howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts, [l] he slew two † lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.

† Heb. *great of acts.*

l Exod. 15. 15. 1 Chron. 11. 22.

† Heb. *lions of God.*

21 And he slew an Egyptian, † a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

† Heb. *a man of countenance,* or, *sight:* called, 1 Chron. 11. 25. *a man of great stature.*

22 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

‖ Or, *honourable among the thirty.*

23 He was more ‖ honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his ‖ † guard.

‖ Or, *council.*

† Heb. *at his command.*

24 [m] Asahel, the brother of Joab, *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

m Chap. 2. 18.

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the [n] Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

n 1 Chron. 11. 27.

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai

‖ Or, *valleys.*

of the ‖ brooks of Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite; of the sons of Jashan, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar, the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

o Chap. 20. 26.

38 [o] Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

CHAP. XXIV.

Before CHRIST cir. 1017.

1 *David numbereth the people:* 10 *he, having three plagues propounded by the prophet Gad, repenteth, and chooseth the three days' pestilence.* 18 *The plague stayed.*

AND again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and ‖ he moved David against them to say, [a] Go, number Israel and Judah.

‖ *Satan:* See 1 Chron. 21. 1.

a 1 Chron. 27. 23, 24.

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which *was* with him, ‖ Go now through all the tribes of Israel, [b] from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

‖ Or, *Compass.*

b Judg. 20. 1.

3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people (how many soever they be) an hundred-fold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it:* but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host: and Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the ‖ river of Gad, and toward Jazer.

‖ Or, *valley.*

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the ‖ land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

‖ Or, *nether land nearly inhabited.*

7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And [c] David's heart smote him, after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

c 1 Sam. 24. 5.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet [d] Gad, David's [e] seer, saying,

d 1 Sam. 22. 5.

e 1 Sam. 9. 9. 1 Chron. 29. 29.

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12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things;* choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall [f] seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

f See 1 Chron. 21. 12.

14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait; let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, (for his mercies *are* ‖great,) and [g] let me not fall into the hand of man.

‖ Or, *many.*
g See Isaiah 47. 6. Zech. 1. 15.

15 So [h] the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel, from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, seventy thousand men.

h 1 Chron. 27. 24.

16 [i] And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, [k] the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of [l] Araunah the Jebusite.

i Exod. 12. 23.
k Gen. 6. 6. 1 Sam. 15. 11.
l 1 Chron. 21. 15. *Ornan:* See Verse 18.

17 And David spake unto the LORD, when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of †Araunah the Jebusite.

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† Heb. *Araniah.*

19 And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up, as the LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? [m] And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

m See Gen. 23. 8,---16.

22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: [n] behold, *here be* oxen for burnt-sacrifice, and threshing-instruments, and *other* instruments of the oxen, for wood.

n 1 Kings 19. 21.

23 All these *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, give unto the king: and Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So [o] David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

o See 1 Chron. 21. 25.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Abishag cherisheth David.* 5 *Adonijah usurpeth the kingdom.* 32 *Solomon is anointed.* 50 *Adonijah fleeth:* 53 *he is dismissed by Solomon.*

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NOW king David was old, *and* †stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

† Heb. *entered into days.*

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, †Let there be sought for my lord the king †a young virgin; and let her stand before the king, and let her †cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.

† Heb. *Let them seek.*
† Heb. *a damsel, a virgin.*
† Heb. *be a cherisher unto him.*

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

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4 And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then [a] Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will †be king: and [b] he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

a 2 Sam. 3. 4.
† Heb. *reign.*
b 2 Sam. 15. 1.

6 And his father had not displeased him †at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was a* very goodly *man;* and [c] *his mother* bare him after Absalom.

† Heb. *from his days.*
c 2 Sam. 3. 3, 4. 1 Chron. 3. 2.

7 And †he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abia-

† Heb. *his words were with Joab.*

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thar the priest; and [d] they, † following Adonijah, helped *him*.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and [e] Shimei, and Rei, and [f] the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep, and oxen, and fat cattle, by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by ‖ En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of [g] Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, [h] Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and † confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, † What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne:

18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not.

19 And he hath slain oxen, and fat cattle, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted † offenders.

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22 ¶ And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen, and fat cattle, and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, [i] † God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba: and she came † into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, [k] Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 ¶ And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon † mine own mule, and bring him down [l] to Gihon:

34 And let Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my

d Chap. 2. 22, 28.
† Heb. *helped after Adonijah.*
e Chap. 4. 18.
f 2 Sam. 23. 8.
‖ Or, *the well Rogel*: 2 Sam. 17. 17.
g 2 Sam. 3. 4.
h 1 Chron. 22. 9.
† Heb. *fill up.*
† Heb. *What to thee?*
† Heb. *sinners.*
i 1 Sam. 10. 24.
† Heb. *Let king Adonijah live.*
† Heb. *before the king.*
k Dan. 2. 4.
† Heb. *which belongeth to me:* See Esther 6. 8.
l 2 Chron. 32. 30.

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throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel, and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, [m] and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

m 2 Sam. 8. 18.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of [n] oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon: and they blew the trumpet; [o] and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

n Exod. 30. 23, 25, 32.

o 1 Sam. 10. 24.

40 And all the people came up after him; and the people piped with ‖ pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

‖ Or, *flutes.*

41 ¶ And Adonijah, and all the guests that *were* with him, heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is* this noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for [p] thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

p 2 Sam. 18. 27.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: [q] and the king bowed himself upon the bed.

q Genes. 47. 31.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

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49 And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and [r] caught hold on the horns of the altar.

r Chap. 2. 28.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to-day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, [s] there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

s 1 Sam. 14. 45. 2 Sam. 14. 11. Acts 27. 34.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar; and he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

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1 *David, having given a charge to Solomon,* 10 *dieth:* 12 *Solomon succeedeth.* 13 *Adonijah is put to death.* 28 *Joab slain.* 36 *Shimei's death.*

NOW the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 [a] I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

a Joshua 23. 14.

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest [b] ‖ prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself;

b Deut. 29. 9. Josh. 1. 7. 1 Chron. 22. 12.

‖ Or, *do wisely.*

4 That the LORD may continue his word, which he spake concerning me, saying, [c] If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart, and with all their soul, [d] there shall not † fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

c Psalm 132. 12.

d 2 Sam. 7. 12.

† Heb. *be cut off from thee from the throne.*

5 Moreover, thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah [e] did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto [f] Abner the son of Ner, and unto [g] Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and † shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

e 2 Sam. 18. 5, 12, 14. & 19. 6.

f 2 Sam. 3. 27.

g 2 Sam. 20. 10.

† Heb. *put.*

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6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But shew kindness unto the sons of [h] Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so [i] they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee [k] Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a † grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but [l] he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, [m] I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

10 So [n] David slept with his fathers, and was buried in [o] the city of David.

11 And the days that David [p] reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ [q] Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, [r] Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for [s] it was his from the LORD.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, † deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and [t] she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; *I pray thee,* say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not say thee nay.

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21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; (for he *is* mine elder brother;) even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, [u] God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, *as* the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he [x] promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, [y] Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* † worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, [z] because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because [a] thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might [b] fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab; (for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom;) and Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and [c] caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the altar: then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, [d] Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; [e] that thou

h 2 Sam. 19. 31.
i 2 Sam. 17. 27.
k 2 Sam. 16. 5.
† Heb. *strong.*
l 2 Sam. 19. 18.
m 2 Sam. 19. 23.
n Acts 2. 29. & 13. 36.
o 2 Sam. 5. 7.
p 2 Sam. 5. 4. 1 Chron. 29. 26, 27.
q 1 Chron. 29. 23. 2 Chron. 1. 1.
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r 1 Sam. 16. 4.
s 1 Chron. 22. 9. & 28. 5.
† Heb. *turn not away my face.*
t See Psalm 45. 9.
u Ruth 1. 17.
x 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.
y Joshua 21. 18.
† Heb. *a man of death.*
z 1 Sam. 23. 6. 2 Sam. 15. 24.
a 1 Sam. 22. 20. 2 Sam. 15. 24.
b 1 Sam. 2. 31,---35.
c Chap. 1. 50.
d Exod. 21. 14.
e Deuter. 19. 13. & 21. 8.

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mayest take away the innocent blood which Joab shed from me, and from the house of my father.

f Psalm 7. 16.

32 And the LORD [f] shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous [g] and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit,* [h] Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and [i] Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

g 2 Chron. 21. 13.

h 2 Sam. 3. 27.

i 2 Sam. 20. 10.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and [k] upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

k 2 Sam. 3. 29.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and [l] Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

l 1 Sam. 2. 35. See 1 Chron. 6. 53. & 24. 3.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for [m] Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

m 2 Sam. 16. 5.

37 For it shall be, *that* on the day thou goest out, and passest over [n] the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

n 2 Sam. 15. 23.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

1011. 39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath: and they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, *that* on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

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44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest [o] all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father; therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head:

o 2 Sam. 16. 5.

45 And king Solomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died: and the [p] kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

p 2 Chron. 1. 1.

CHAP. III.

1 *Solomon marrieth Pharaoh's daughter: 5 his choice: 16 his judgment betwixt the two harlots.*

AND [a] Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and [b] the wall of Jerusalem round about. 1014.

a Chap. 7. 8. & 9. 24.

b Chap. 9. 15, 19.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And [c] the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; [d] for that *was* the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

c 2 Chron. 1. 3.

d 1 Chron. 16. 39. 2 Chron. 1. 3.

5 ¶ [e] In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

e Chap. 9. 2.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great ‖mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

‖ Or, *bounty.*

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: [f] and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* [g] to go out or come in.

f 1 Chron. 29. 1.

g Numb. 27. 17.

8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

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9 [h] Give therefore thy servant an †understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself †long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding †to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: [i] lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also [k] given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour: so that there ||shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, [l] as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, *it was* a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women *that were* harlots unto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass, the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son which I did bear.

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son: and this said, No; but the dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spake before the king.

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23 Then said the king, The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living.

24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto the king, (for [m] her bowels †yearned upon her son,) and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: but the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it*.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* †in him, to do judgment.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Solomon's princes:* 7 *his twelve officers:* 24 *the peace and largeness of his kingdom:* 29 *his wisdom.*

SO king Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok ||the priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, ||scribes; [a] Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the ||recorder.

4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

5 And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend:

6 And Ahishar *was* over the household: and [b] Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the ||tribute.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these *are* their names: ||The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim.

9 ||The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan.

h 2 Chron. 1. 10.
† Heb. *hearing.*
† Heb. *many days.*
† Heb. *to hear.*
i Eccles. 1. 16.
k Wisd. 7. 11. Mat. 6. 33. Eph. 3. 20.
‖ Or, *hath not been.*
l Chap. 15. 5.
m Hosea 11. 8.
† Heb. *were hot.*
† Heb. *in the midst of him.*
‖ Or, *the chief officer.*
‖ Or, *secretaries.*
a 2 Sam. 8. 16. & 20. 24.
‖ Or, *remembrancer.*
b Chap. 5. 14.
‖ Or, *levy.*
‖ Or, *Ben-hur.*
‖ Or, *Ben-dekar.*

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10 || The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.

|| Or, *Ben hesed.*

11 || The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

|| Or, *Ben-abinadab.*

12 Baana the son of Ahilud; *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zartanah, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, *even* unto *the place that is* beyond Jokneam.

13 || The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* [c] the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him *also pertained* [d] the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars.

|| Or, *Ben-geber.*

c Numb. 32. 41.

d Deut. 3. 4.

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo *had* || Mahanaim.

|| Or, *to Mahanaim.*

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

16 Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth.

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah in Issachar.

18 Shimei the son of Elah in Benjamin.

19 Geber the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the only officer which *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

21 And [e] Solomon reigned over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

e See Psalm 72. 8. Eccles. 47. 13.

22 ¶ And Solomon's †provision for one day was thirty †measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

† Heb. *bread.*

† Heb. *cors.*

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roe-bucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphsah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt †safely, [f] every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, [g] from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

† Heb. *confidently.*

f Micah 4. 4. Zech. 3. 10.

g Judg. 20. 1.

26 ¶ And [h] Solomon had forty thousand stalls of [i] horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

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27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

h Chap. 10. 25, 26. 2 Chron. 1. 14. & 9. 25.

i See Deut. 17. 16.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and || dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

|| Or, *mules*, or, *swift beasts.*

29 ¶ And [k] God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea-shore.

k Ecclus. 47. 14, 15, 16.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children [l] of the east country, and all [m] the wisdom of Egypt.

l Gen. 25. 6.

m See Acts 7. 22.

31 For he was wiser than all men; [n] than Ethan the Ezrahite, [o] and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

n Psalm 89. 1. & title.

o 1 Chron. 2. 6. Psal. 88. & title.

32 And [p] he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five.

p Eccles. 12. 9.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar-tree that *is* in Lebanon, even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 *Hiram sending to congratulate Solomon, 7 furnisheth timber to build the temple.* 13 *Solomon's workmen and labourers.*

AND [a] Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; (for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father;) [b] for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

a Verse 10. & 18. & 2 Chron. 2. 3. *Huram.*

b 2 Sam. 5. 11. 1 Chron. 14. 1.

2 And [c] Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

c 2 Chron. 2. 3. Amos 1. 9.

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God [d] for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

d 1 Chron. 22. 8. & 28. 3.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I †purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD

† Heb. *say.*

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my God, [e] as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

e 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Chron. 17. 12. & 22. 10.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants, according to all that thou shalt †appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

† Heb. *say.*

7 ¶ And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have †considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

† Heb. *heard.*

9 My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats unto [f] the place that thou shalt †appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them:* and thou shalt accomplish my desire, [g] in giving food for my household.

f 2 Chron. 2. 16.
† Heb. *send.*
g See Ezra 3. 7. Ezekiel 27. 17. Acts 12. 20.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees, and fir-trees, *according to* all his desire.

11 And [h] Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand †measures of wheat *for* food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

h See 2 Chron. 2. 10.
† Heb. *cors.*

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, [i] as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

i Chap. 3. 12.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a †levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

† Heb. *tribute* of men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, *and* two months at home: and [k] Adoniram *was* over the levy.

k Chap. 4. 6.

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains:

16 Besides the chief of Solomon's officers which *were* over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

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17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew *them,* and the ||stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

|| Or, *Giblites,* as Ezekiel 27. 6.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The building of Solomon's temple:* 11 *God's promise unto it:* 37 *the time of building of it.*

AND [a] it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second month, that [b] he †began to build the house of the LORD.

a 2 Chron. 3. 1, 2.
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b Acts 7. 47.
† Heb. *built.*

2 And [c] the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits,* and the height thereof thirty cubits.

c See Ezek. 41. 1, *&c.*

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made [d] ||windows of narrow lights.

d See Ezek. 40. 16. & 41. 16.

5 ¶ And ||against the wall of the house he built [e] †chambers round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, *both* of the temple [f] and of the oracle: and he made †chambers round about.

|| Or, *windows broad within and narrow without*
or, *skewed and closed.*
|| Or, *upon,*
or, *joining to.*

6 The nethermost chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* six cubits broad, and the third *was* seven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the house he made †narrowed rests round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

e See Ezek. 41. 6.
† Heb. *floors.*
f Verse 16, 19, 20, 21, 31.
† Heb. *ribs.*
† Heb. *narrowings,* or, *rebatements.*

7 And [g] the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, *nor* any tool of iron, heard in the house while it was in building.

g See Deut. 27. 5, 6.

8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right †side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle *chamber,* and out of the middle into the third.

† Heb. *shoulder.*

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9 [h] So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house ||with beams and boards of cedar.

h Verse 38.
|| Or, *the vault beams and the ceilings with cedar.*

10 And *then* he built chambers

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against all the house five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, [i] if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, [k] which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And [l] I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 ¶ So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, || both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*.

17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was forty cubits *long*.

18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with || knops and † open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the fore-part *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he † overlaid it with pure gold, and *so* covered the altar *which was of* cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar, that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims *of* || † olive-tree, *each* ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.

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26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and [m] || they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims, and palm-trees, and † open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors *of* olive-tree: the lintel *and* side-posts *were* || a fifth part *of the wall*.

32 The || two doors also *were of* olive-tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims, and palm-trees, and † open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm-trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts *of* olive-tree, || a fourth part *of the wall*.

34 And the two doors *were of* fir-tree: the [n] two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims, and palm-trees, and open flowers: and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 ¶ And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar-beams.

37 ¶ [o] In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, (which *is* the eighth month,) was the house finished || throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he [p] seven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The building of Solomon's house,* 2 *of the house of Lebanon,* 8 *of the house for Pharaoh's daughter.*

BUT Solomon was building his own house [a] thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

i Chap. 2. 4. & 9. 4.

k 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Chron. 22. 10. 1 Exod. 25. 8.

|| Or, *from the floor of the house unto the walls,* &c. and so Verse 16.

|| Or, *gourds.*

† Heb. *openings of flowers.*

† Heb. *shut up.*

|| Or, *oily.*

† Heb. *trees of oil.*

m Exod. 25. 20.

|| Or, *the cherubims stretched forth their wings.*

† Heb. *openings of flowers.*

|| Or, *five-square.*

|| Or, *leaves of the doors.*

† Heb. *openings of flowers.*

|| Or, *four-square.*

n Ezekiel 41. 23.

o Verse 1.

|| Or, *with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.*

p Compare Verse 1.

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a Chap. 9. 10. 2 Chron. 8. 1.

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2 ¶ He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar-pillars, with cedar-beams upon the pillars.

3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the † beams, that *lay* on forty-five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.

† Heb. *ribs.*

4 And *there were* windows *in* three rows, and † light *was* against light *in* three ranks.

† Heb. *sight against sight.*

5 And all the ‖ doors and posts *were* square with the windows: and light *was* against light *in* three ranks.

‖ Or, *spaces and pillars were square in prospect.*

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* ‖ before them; and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* ‖ before them.

‖ Or, *according to them.*

‖ Or, *according to them.*

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the throne, where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment; and *it was* covered with cedar † from one side of the floor to the other.

† Heb. *from floor to floor.*

8 ¶ And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, (b whom he had taken *to wife,*) like unto this porch.

b Chap. 3. 1.

9 All these *were of* costly stones, (according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws,) within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and *so* on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even great stones; stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were* costly stones (after the measures of hewed stones) and cedars.

12 And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, c and for the porch of the house.

c John 10. 23.

13 ¶ And king Solomon sent and fetched d Hiram out of Tyre.

d 2 Chron. 4. 11. *Huram:* See Ver. 40.

14 e He *was* † a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and f he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

e 2 Chron. 2. 14.

† Heb. *the son of a widow woman.*

f Exod. 31. 3.

15 For he † cast g two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

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† Heb. *fashioned.*

16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits:

g 2 Kings 25. 17. 2 Chron. 3. 15. & 4. 12. Jer. 52. 21.

17 *And* nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapiter, and seven for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily-work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had pomegranates* also above, over against the belly which *was* by the net-work; and the pomegranates *were* h two hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

h See 2 Chron. 3. 16. & 4. 13.

21 i And he set up the pillars in k the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ Boaz.

i 2 Chron. 3. 17.

k Chap. 6. 3.

‖ That is, *He shall establish.*

‖ That is, *In it is strength.*

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily-work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made l a molten sea, ten cubits † from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

l Jerem. 52. 17.

† Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, m compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows when it was cast.

m 2 Chron. 4. 3.

25 It stood upon n twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

n Jerem. 52. 20.

26 And it *was* an handbreadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained o two thousand baths.

o See 2 Chron. 4. 5.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length of one base,

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and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases *was* on this *manner:* they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above; and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass; and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver *were* undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it, within the chapiter and above, *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round, *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half; and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, four-square, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* four wheels; and the axle-trees of the wheels *were* †*joined* to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit.

† Heb. *in the base.*

33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* four undersetters to the four corners of one base: *and* the undersetters *were* of the very base itself.

35 And in the top of the base *was there* a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base, the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof, *were* of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the †proportion of every one, and additions round about.

† Heb. *nakedness.*

37 After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one size.

38 ¶ Then [p] made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits: *and* upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

p 2 Chron. 4. 6.

39 And he put five bases on the right †side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, over against the south.

† Heb. *shoulder.*

40 ¶ And †Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons: so Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD;

† Heb. *Hirom:* See Ver. 15.

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41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two [q] net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars:

q verse 17, 18.

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* †upon the pillars;

† Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* †bright brass.

† Heb. *made bright,* or, *scoured.*

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, †in the clay-ground between Succoth and Zarthan.

† Heb. *in the thickness of the ground.*

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed,* †because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass †found out.

† Heb. *for the exceeding multitude.*

† Heb. *searched.*

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon [r] the shew-bread *was,*

r Exod. 25. 30.

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side,* and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *of* gold;

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the †censers, *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place,* *and* for the doors of the house, *to wit,* of the temple.

† Heb. *ash-pans.*

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the †things [s] which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *holy things of David.*

s 2 Sam. 8. 11. 2 Chron. 5. 1.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The feast of the dedication of the temple.* 12, 54 *Solomon's blessing:* 22 *his prayer:* 62 *his sacrifice of peace-offerings.*

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THEN [a] Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the †chief of the fathers

a 2 Chron. 5. 2.

† Heb. *princes.*

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of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, [b] that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD [c] out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, [d] and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, [e] and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the † ends of the staves were seen out in the ‖ holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 [f] *There was* nothing in the ark [g] save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, ‖ [h] when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, that the cloud [i] filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ [k] Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell [l] in the thick darkness.

13 [m] I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood:)

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

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16 [n] Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that [o] my name might be therein; but I chose [p] David to be over my people Israel.

17 And [q] it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 [r] And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart:

19 Nevertheless, thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake; and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* [s] the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before [t] the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, [u] LORD God of Israel, [x] *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, [y] who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart;

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, [z] † There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; † so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me, as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

b 2 Sam. 6. 17.
c 2 Sam. 5. 7, 9. & 6. 12, 16.
d Deuter. 31. 9.
e Chap. 3. 4. 2 Chron. 1. 3.
† Heb. *heads.*
‖ Or, *ark:* as 2 Chron. 6. 9.
f Exod. 25. 21. Deut. 10. 2.
g Deuter. 10. 5.
h Hebr. 9. 4.
‖ Or, *where.*
Exod. 34. 27, 28. Deut. 4. 13. Verse 21.
i Exod. 40. 34, 35. 2 Chron. 5. 13, 14. & 7. 2.
k 2 Chron. 6. 1.
l Lev. 16. 2. Psal. 18. 11. & 97. 2.
m Psalm 132. 14.
n 2 Sam. 7. 6. 2 Chron. 6. 5.
o Verse 29.
p 2 Sam. 7. 8.
q 2 Sam. 7. 2. 1 Chron. 17. 1.
r 2 Chron. 6. 8, 9.
s Verse 9.
t 2 Chron. 6. 12.
u 2 Mac. 2. 8.
x Exod. 15. 11. 2 Sam. 7. 22.
y Dan. 9. 4.
z Chap. 2. 4. 2 Sam. 7. 12, 16.
† Heb. *there shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight*
† Heb. *only if.*

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27 But [a] will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded!

[a] 2 Chron. 2. 6. Isa. 66. 1. Jer. 23. 24. Acts 7. 49.

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, [b] My name shall be there; that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make || toward this place.

[b] Deuter. 12. 11.

|| Or, *in this place.*

30 [c] And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray || toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

[c] 2 Chron. 20. 9.

|| Or, *in this place.*

31 ¶ If any man trespass against his neighbour, † and [d] an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

† Heb. *and he require an oath of him,* Levit. 5. 1.

[d] Exod. 22. 11.

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ [e] When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and [f] shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee || in this house:

[e] Levit. 26. 17. Deuter. 28. 25.

[f] Levit. 26. 39, 40.

|| Or, *toward.*

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 ¶ [g] When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

[g] Levit. 26. 19. Deuter. 28. 23.

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ [h] If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their || cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness, *there be;*

[h] Levit. 26. 16, 26. Deuter. 28. 21, 22, 27, 38, 42.

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|| Or, *jurisdiction.*

38 What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 [i] That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

[i] Psalm 130. 4.

41 ¶ Moreover, concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house:

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that † this house which I have builded is called by thy name.

† Heb. *thy name is called upon this house.*

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shalt pray unto the LORD † toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name:

† Heb. *the way of the city.*

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their || cause.

|| Or, *right.*

46 If they sin against thee, ([k] for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives [l] unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

[k] 2 Chron. 6. 36. Prov. 20. 9. Eccles. 7. 20. James 3. 2. 1 John 1. 8, 10.

[l] Levit. 26. 34, 44. Deuter. 28. 36, 64.

47 *Yet* if they shall † bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, [m] saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

† Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

[m] Psalm 106. 6. Dan. 9. 5.

48 And *so* return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and [n] pray

[n] Daniel 6. 10.

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unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their || cause,

‖ Or, *right.*

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, [o] from the midst of the furnace of iron:

o Deuter. 4. 20. Jer. 11. 4.

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, [p] as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

p Exod. 19. 5. Deuter. 9. 26, 29. & 14. 2.

54 ¶ And it was *so*, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

q 2 Sam. 6. 18.

55 And he stood, [q] and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: [r] there hath not † failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

r Deuter. 12. 10. Joshua 21. 45.

† Heb. *fallen.*

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: [s] let him not leave us, nor forsake us;

s Josh. 1. 5.

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, † at all times, as the matter shall require:

† Heb. *the thing of a day in his day.*

60 That all the people of the earth may know that [t] the LORD *is* God, *and that there is* none else.

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t Deuter 4. 35, 39.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And [u] the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

u 2 Chron. 7. 4.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 [x] The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings; because [y] the brasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

x 2 Chron. 7. 7.

y 2 Chron. 4. 1.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, [z] seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

z 2 Chron. 7. 8.

66 [a] On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they || blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

a 2 Chron. 7. 9, 10.

‖ Or, *thanked.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *God's covenant in a vision with Solomon.* 10 *The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram.* 25 *Solomon's yearly sacrifice.*

AND [a] it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and [b] all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

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a 2 Chron. 7. 11.

b Chap. 7. 1. 2 Chron. 8. 6.

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, [c] as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

c Chap. 3. 5.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, [d] to put my name there for ever; [e] and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

d Chap. 8. 29.

e Deuter. 11. 12.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to

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do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments;

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, [f] as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 [g] *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes, which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them;

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed [h] for my name, will I cast out of my sight; [i] and Israel shall be a proverb and a by-word among all people:

8 And [k] at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, [l] Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them; therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 ¶ And [m] it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

11 [n] (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees, and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they † pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, my brother? [o] And he called them the land of || Cabul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason of [p] the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and [q] Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and [r] Hazor, and [s] Megiddo, and [t] Gezer.

16 *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, [u] and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

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17 And Solomon built Gezer, and [x] Beth-horon the nether,

18 And [y] Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for [z] his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and † that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children [a] that were left after them in the land, [b] whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, [c] upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of [d] bond-service unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon [e] make no bond-men: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, [f] five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 ¶ But [g] Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto [h] her house which *Solomon* had built for her: [i] then did he build [k] Millo.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt-offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense † upon the altar that *was* before the LORD: so he finished the house.

26 ¶ And [l] king Solomon made a navy of ships in [m] Ezion-geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the † shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

27 And [n] Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.

1 *The queen of Sheba admireth the wisdom of Solomon:* 14 *his riches.*

AND when the [a] queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, concerning the name of the LORD, she came [b] to prove him with hard questions.

f 2 Sam. 7. 12, 16. Chap. 2. 4. & 6. 12. 1 Chron. 22. 10. Psalm 132. 12.
g 2 Sam. 7. 14. Psalm 89. 30, &c.
h Jer. 7. 14.
i Deuter. 28. 37. Psal. 44. 14.
k 2 Chron. 7. 21.
l Deuter. 29. 24. Jer. 22. 8.
m Chap. 6. 37, 38. & 7. 1. 2 Chron. 8. 1.
n 2 Chron. 8. 2.
† Heb. *were not right in his eyes.*
o Joshua 19. 27.
¶ That is, *Displeasing*, or, *Dirty.*
p Chap. 5. 13.
q Verse 24.
r Joshua 19. 36.
s Joshua 17. 11.
t Joshua 16. 10. Judg. 1. 29.
u Joshua 16. 10.
cir. 1014.
x Joshua 21. 22.
y Joshua 19. 44. 2 Chron. 8. 6, &c.
z Chap. 4. 26.
† Heb. *the desire of Solomon which he desired.*
a Judg. 1. 21, 27, 29.
b Joshua 15. 63. & 17. 12.
c Judges 1. 28.
d See Ezra 2. 55, 58. Neh. 11. 3.
e Levit. 25. 39.
f 2 Chron. 8. 10.
g Chap. 3. 1. 2 Chron. 8. 11.
h Chap. 7. 8.
i 2 Sam. 5. 9.
k Chap. 11. 27. 2 Chron. 32. 5.
† Heb. *upon it.*
l 2 Chron. 8. 17.
m Numb. 33. 35. Deut. 2. 8.
† Heb. *lip.*
n Chap. 10. 11.
a 2 Chron. 9. 1. Mat. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.
b See Judg. 14. 12.

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2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her † questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

† Heb. *words.*

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the † attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his ‖ cup-bearers, [c] and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

† Heb. *standing.*
‖ Or, *butlers.*
c 1 Chron. 26. 16.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true † report that I heard in mine own land of thy ‖ acts, and of thy wisdom.

† Heb. *word.*
‖ Or, *sayings.*

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it;* and, behold, the half was not told me: † thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

† Heb. *thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame.*

8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

d Chap. 9. 27.

11 [d] And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of ‖ almug-trees, and precious stones.

‖ 2 Chron. 2. 8. & 9. 10, 11. *algum-trees.*

e 2 Chron. 9. 11.
‖ Or, *rails.*
† Heb. *a prop.*

12 [e] And the king made of the almug-trees ‖ † pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such [f] almug-trees, nor were seen unto this day.

f 2 Chron. 9. 10.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides *that* which Solomon gave her † of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own country, she and her servants.

† Heb. *according to the hand of king Solomon.*

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

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15 Besides *that he had* of the merchant-men, and of the traffick of the spice-merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the ‖ governors of the country.

‖ Or, *captains*

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.

17 And *he made* [g] three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the [h] house of the forest of Lebanon.

g Chap. 14. 26.
h Chap. 7. 2.

18 ¶ [i] Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

i 2 Chron. 9. 17, &c.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round † behind: and *there were* † stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

† Heb. *on the hinder part thereof.*
† Heb. *hands.*

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not † the like made in any kingdom.

† Heb. *so.*

21 ¶ And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; ‖ none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

‖ Or, *there was no silver in them.*

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

‖ Or, *elephants' teeth.*

23 So [k] king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

k Chap. 3. 12, 13.

24 ¶ And all the earth † sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

† Heb. *sought the face of.*

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ [l] And Solomon [m] gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

l Chap. 4. 26. 2 Chron. 1. 14. & 9. 25.
m Deuter. 17. 16.

27 And the king † made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.

† Heb. *gave.*

28 ¶ [n] † And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: [o] and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out † by their means.

n Deuter. 17. 16. 2 Chron. 1. 16. & 9. 28.
† Heb. *And the going forth of the horses which* was *Solomon's.*
o Josh. 1. 4. 2 Kings 7. 6.
Heb. *by their hand.*

CHAP. XI.

1 *Solomon's wives and concubines:* 4 *in his old age they draw him to idolatry:* 9 *God threateneth him:* 41 *his acts, reign, and death.* 43 *Rehoboam succeedeth him.*

BUT [a] king Solomon loved [b] many strange women, (‖ together with the daughter of Pharaoh,) women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, *and* Hittites;

a Nehem. 13. 26.
b Deuter. 17. 17. Ecclus. 47. 19.
‖ Or, *besides.*

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, [c] Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clave unto these in love.

c Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, [d] *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.

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d Deuter. 17. 17.

5 For Solomon went after [e] Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, [f] and after ‖ Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

e Judg. 2. 13.
f 2 Kings 23. 13.
‖ Called *Molech,* Verse 7.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and † went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

† Heb. *fulfilled not after.*

7 [g] Then did Solomon build an high place for [h] Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in [i] the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

g Numb. 33. 52.
h Numb. 21. 29. Judges 11. 24.
i 2 Kings 23. 13.

8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense, and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, [k] which had appeared unto him twice,

k Chap. 3. 5. & 9. 2.

10 And [l] had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

l Chap. 6. 12.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this † is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, [m] I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

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† Heb. *is with thee.*
m Verse 31. Chap. 12. 15.

12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, which I have chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom.

15 [n] For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, [o] after he had smitten every male in Edom,

n 2 Sam. 8. 14. 1 Chron. 18. 12, 13.
o Numb. 24. 19. Deuter. 20. 13.

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom,)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 [p] And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, † Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

p 1 Kings 2. 34.
† Heb. *Send me away.*

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, † Nothing: howbeit, let me go in any wise.

† Heb. *Not.*

23 ¶ And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah,

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24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, [q] when David slew them *of Zobah:* and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

[q] 2 Sam. 8. 3. & 10. 18.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad *did:* and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

[r] 2 Chron. 13. 6.

26 ¶ And [r] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, (whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman,) even he lifted up *his* hand against the king.

27 And this *was* the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king: [s] Solomon built Millo, *and* †repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

[s] Chap. 9. 24.

† Heb. *closed.*

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he †was industrious, he made him ruler over all the †charge of the house of Joseph.

† Heb. *did work.*

† Heb. *burden.*

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29 And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment: and they two *were* alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and [t] rent it *in* twelve pieces.

[t] See 1 Sam. 15. 27. & 24. 5.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces; for [u] thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

[u] Verse 11.

32 (But he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes;

35 But [x] I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

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[x] Chap. 12. 16.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that [y] David my servant may have a †light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

[y] 1 Kings 15. 4. 2 Kings 8. 19. Psalm 132. 17.

† Heb. *lamp,* or, *candle.*

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam: and Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

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41 ¶ And [z] the rest of the ‖acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

[z] 2 Chron. 9. 29.

‖ Or, *words,* or, *things.*

42 And the †time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* [a] forty years.

† Heb. *days.*

[a] 2 Chron. 9. 30. 975.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father; and [b] Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

[b] Mat. 1. 7. called *Roboam.*

CHAP. XII.

6 *Rehoboam refusing the old men's counsel,* 16 *ten tribes revolt.* 26 *Jeroboam's idolatry.*

AND [a] Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

[a] 2 Chron. 10. 1, &c.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in [b] Egypt, heard *of it,* (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt,)

[b] Chap. 11. 40.

3 That they sent and called him: and Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our [c] yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

[c] Chap. 4. 7.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

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6 ¶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now, whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people † roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

† Heb. *hardly.*

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for [d] the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD [e] spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

d Verse 24. Judg. 14. 4. 2 Chron. 10. 15. & 22. 7. & 25. 20.

e Chap. 11. 11, 31.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, [f] What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

f 2 Sam. 20. 1.

17 But [g] *as for* the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

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18 Then king Rehoboam [h] sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died: therefore king Rehoboam † made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

g Chap. 11. 13.

h Chap. 4. 6.

† Heb. *strengthened himself.*

19 So [i] Israel || rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

i 2 Kings 17. 21.

|| Or, *fell away.*

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David but the tribe of Judah [k] only.

k Chap. 11. 13, 32.

21 ¶ And [l] when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

l 2 Chron. 11. 1.

22 But [m] the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

m 2 Chron. 11. 2.

23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; [n] for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

n Verse 15.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam [o] built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built [p] Penuel.

o See Judg. 9. 45.

p Judg. 8. 17.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and [q] made two calves *of* gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: [r] behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

q 2 Kings 17. 16.

r Exod. 32. 4, 8.

29 And he set the one in [s] Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

s Hos. 4. 15.

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30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, [t] and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto [u] the feast that *is* in Judah; and he ‖ offered upon the altar, (so did he in Beth-el,) ‖ sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: [x] and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he ‖ offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, † and burnt incense.

t Numb. 3. 10. Chap. 13. 33. 2 Kings 17. 32. 2 Chron. 11. 14, 15. Ezekiel 44. 7, 8.

u Levit. 23. 33. Numb. 29. 12.

‖ Or, *went up to the altar*, &c.

‖ Or, *to sacrifice.*

x Amos 7. 13.

‖ Or, *went up to the altar*, &c.

† Heb. *to burn incense.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Jeroboam's hand withereth,* 6 *and at the prayer of the prophet is restored.* 23 *The disobedient prophet is slain by a lion.* 33 *Jeroboam's obstinacy.*

AND, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: [a] and Jeroboam stood by the altar ‖ to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar! thus saith the LORD, Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, [b] Josiah by name, and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

a Chap. 12. 32, 33.

‖ Or, *to offer.*

b 2 Kings 23. 15, 16.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, [c] Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought † the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

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c Exod. 8. 8. & 9. 28. & 10. 17. Numb. 21. 7. Acts 8. 24.

† Heb. *the face of the LORD.*

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and [d] I will give thee a reward.

d 1 Sam. 9. 7.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, [e] If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

e So Numb. 22. 18. & 24. 13.

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his † sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

† Heb. *son.*

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass; and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak; and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I *am.*

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For † it was said to me [f] by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

† Heb. *a word was.*

f Chap. 20. 35. 1 Thess. 4. 15.

18 He said unto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art;* and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

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20 ¶ And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

g Chap. 20. 36. 24 And when he was gone, [g] a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It *is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath † torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

† Heb. *broken.*

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor † torn the ass.

† Heb. *broken.*

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; [h] lay my bones beside his bones:

h 2 Kings 23. 17, 18.

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32 [i] For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of [k] Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

i 2 Kings 23. 16—19.

k See Chap. 16. 24.

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33 ¶ [l] After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but [m] † made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would he † consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

l Chap. 12. 31. 2 Chron. 11. 15. & 13. 9.

m Chap. 12. 31, 32.

† Heb. *returned and made.*

34 [n] And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

† Heb. *filled his hand.*

n Chap. 12. 30.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Abijah being sick, Jeroboam sendeth his wife, disguised, with presents to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh.*
5 *Ahijah, forewarned, denounceth God's judgments.*

956. AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that [a] *I should be* king over this people.

a Chap. 11. 31.

b See 1 Sam. 9. 7, 8.

† Heb. *in thine hand.*

‖ Or, *cakes.*

‖ Or, *bottle.*

3 [b] And take † with thee ten loaves, and ‖ cracknels, and a ‖ cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, [c] and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah: but Ahijah could not see; for his eyes † were set by reason of his age.

c Chap. 11. 29.

† Heb. *stood for his hoariness.*

5 ¶ And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another *woman*.

6 And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* † heavy *tidings*.

† Heb. *hard.*

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my

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commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which was* right in mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: [d] for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and [e] hast cast me behind thy back;

10 Therefore, behold, [f] I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam [g] him that pisseth against the wall, [h] *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house; *and* [i] when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him [k] there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 [l] Moreover, the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that *day:* but what? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall [m] root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, [n] because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, [o] who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 ¶ And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to [p] Tirzah: *and* [q] when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died:

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, [r] according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he † slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. [s] Rehoboam *was* forty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

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22 [t] And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and ‖ images, [u] and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 [x] And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ [y] And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house: he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold [z] which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the † guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was *so*, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

29 ¶ [a] Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess: and [b] Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Abijam's wicked reign:* 9 *Asa succeedeth him:* 24 *he dying, Jehoshaphat succeedeth.* 25 *Nadab's wicked reign.* 33 *Baasha's wicked reign.*

NOW in the eighteenth year of king [a] Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

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2 [b]Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: [c]and his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of [d]Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless, for David's sake did the LORD his God [e]give him a ||lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem;

5 Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, [f]save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 [g]And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the [h]book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

955. 8 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and [i]Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his ||mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.

cir. 951. 12 [k]And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also [l]Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa ||destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

14 [m]But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the †things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 ¶ And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And [n]Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, [o]that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

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18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to [p]Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may †depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote [q]Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 [r]Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; (none *was* †exempted;) and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless [s]in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: [t]and [u]Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam †began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. 954.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 ¶ [x]And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him: and Baasha smote him at [y]Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; (for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon;)

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. 953.

b 2 Chron. 11. 20, 22.
c 2 Chron. 13. 2.
d 2 Chron. 11. 21. *Absalom.*
e 2 Chron. 21. 7.
||Or, *candle,* Chap. 11. 36.
f 2 Sam. 11. 4, 15. & 12. 9.
g Chap. 14. 30.
h 2 Chron. 13. 5.
i 2 Chron. 14. 1.
||That is, *grandmother's.*
k Chap. 14. 24. & 22. 46.
l 2 Chron. 15. 16.
†Heb. *cut off.*
m Chap. 22. 43. 2 Chron. 15. 17.
†Heb. *holy.*
n 2 Chron. 18. 1.
o See Chap. 12. 27.
p 2 Chron. 16. 2.
†Heb. *go up.*
q 2 Kings 15. 29.
r 2 Chron. 16. 6.
†Heb. *free.*
s 2 Chron. 16. 12.
t 2 Chron. 17. 1.
u Matth. 1. 8. called *Josaphat.*
†Heb. *reigned.*
x Chap. 14. 14.
y Joshua 19. 44. Chap. 16. 15.

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29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto [z] the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

z Chap. 14. 10, 14.

30 [a] Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

a Chap. 14. 9, 16.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Jehu's prophecy against Baasha.* 3 *Zimri's conspiracy.* 29 *Ahab's wicked reign.* 34 *Joshua's curse fulfilled on the builder of Jericho.*

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THEN the word of the LORD came to [a] Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

a 2 Chron. 19. 2. & 20. 34.

2 [b] Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

b Chap. 14. 7.

c Verse 11.

3 Behold, I will [c] take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like [d] the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

d Chap. 14. 10. & 15. 29.

4 [e] Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

e Chap. 14. 11.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, [f] *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

f 2 Chron. 16. 1.

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because [g] he killed him.

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g Chap. 15. 27, 29. See Hosea 1. 4.

8 ¶ In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

9 [h] And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza † steward of *his* house in Tirzah.

h 2 Kings 9. 31.

† Heb. *which was over.*

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and [i] reigned in his stead.

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i Verse 15.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him [k] not one that pisseth against a wall, || neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

k 1 Sam. 25. 22.

|| Or, *both his kinsmen and his friends.*

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha † [l] by Jehu the prophet;

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

l Verse 1.

13 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger [m] with their vanities.

m Deuter. 32. 21. 1 Sam. 12. 21. 1 Cor. 8. 4. & 10. 19.

14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah: and the people *were* encamped [n] against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

n Chap. 15. 27.

16 And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he

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wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

925. 23 ¶ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, †[o] Samaria.

† Heb. *Shomeron.*

o See Chap. 13. 32.

25 ¶ But [p] Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

p Micah 6. 16.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their [q] vanities.

q Verse 13.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

918. 29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

† Heb. *was it a light thing*, &c.

31 And it came to pass, †as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, [r] that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, [s] and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

r Deuter. 7. 3.

s Chap. 21. 25, 26. 2 Kings 17. 16.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

† 2 Kings 13. 6. & 17. 10. & 21. 3.

33 [t] And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

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34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, [u] according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

u Joshua 6. 26.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Elijah, prophesying against Ahab, is sent to Cherith, where the ravens feed him:* 8 *he is sent to the widow of Zarephath:* 17 *he raiseth the widow's son.*

AND †Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, [a] *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, [b] there shall not be dew nor rain [c] these years, but according to my word.

cir. 910. † Heb. *Elijahu.* Luke 1. 17. & 4. 25. he is called *Elias.*

a 2 Kings 3. 14.

b Eccius. 48. 3. Jam. 5. 17.

c Luke 4. 25.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook: and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

† Heb. *at the end of days.*

7 And it came to pass †after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

d Obad. 20. Luke 4. 26. called *Sarepta.*

9 Arise, get thee to [d] Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

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13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son:

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD † sendeth rain upon the earth.

† Heb. *giveth.*

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat || *many* days.

|| Or, *a full year.*

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake † by Elijah.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

e See Luke 5. 8.

18 And she said unto Elijah, e What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

f 2 Kings 4. 34, 35.

21 f And he † stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come † into him again.

† Heb. *measured.*

† Heb. *into his inward parts.*

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Elijah meeteth Obadiah:* 17 *he reproveth Ahab, and convinceth Baal's worshippers:* 41 *he obtaineth rain.*

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AND it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

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2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab: and *there was* a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called † Obadiah, which *was* † the governor of *his* house: (now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

† Heb. *Obadiahu.*

† Heb. *over his house.*

4 For it was *so*, when † Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water:)

† Heb. *Izebel.*

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks; peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, † that we lose not all the beasts.

† Heb. *that we cut not off our selves from the beasts.*

6 So they divided the land between them, to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I *am:* go, tell thy lord, behold, Elijah *is here.*

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 *As* the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee; and when they said, *He is* not *there,* he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here.*

12 And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that a the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and *so,* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

a 2 Kings 2. 16. Ezek. 3. 12, 14. Mat. 4. 1. Acts 8. 39.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here:* and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to-day.

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16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, [b] *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel?

b Chap. 21. 20. Acts 16. 20.

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, [c] and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

c Chap. 16. 33.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 ¶ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two ‖ opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, [d] *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

‖ Or, *thoughts.*

d See Josh. 24. 15.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, [e] I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

e Chap. 19. 10, 14.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under;* and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:*

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, † It is well spoken.

† Heb. *The word is good.*

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under.*

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it,* and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, ‖ hear us! But *there was* no voice, nor any that ‖ answered. And they ‖ leaped upon the altar which was made.

‖ Or, *answer.*
‖ Or, *heard.*
‖ Or, *leaped up and down at the altar.*

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry † aloud; for he *is* a god: either ‖ he is talking, or he † is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

† Heb. *with a great voice.*
‖ Or, *he meditateth.*
† Heb. *hath a pursuit.*

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, after their manner, with knives and lancets, till † the blood gushed out upon them.

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† Heb. *poured out blood upon them.*

29 And it came to pass, when mid-day was past, [f] and they prophesied until the *time* of the † offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any † that regarded.

f 1 Cor. 11. 4, 5.
† Heb. *ascending.*
† Heb. *attention.*

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him: [g] and he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

g Chap. 19. 10.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, [h] Israel shall be thy name:

h Genes. 32. 28. 2 Kings 17. 34.

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and [i] pour *it* on the burnt-sacrifice, and on the wood.

i See Judg. 6. 20.

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time: and they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time: and they did *it* the third time.

35 And the water † ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

† Heb. *went.*

36 And it came to pass, at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD [k] God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.

k Exod. 3. 6.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me; that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then [l] the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt-sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

l Lev. 9. 24. Judg. 6. 21. 2 Chron. 7. 1.

39 And when all the people saw *it,* they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, ‖ [m] Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Elijah brought them

‖ Or, *Apprehend.*
m 2 Kings 10. 25.

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down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* ‖ a sound of abundance of rain.

‖ Or, *a sound of a noise of rain.*

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink: and Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; [n] and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

n James 5. 17, 18.

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, † Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

† Heb. *Tie, or, Bind.*

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he [o] girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab † to the entrance of Jezreel.

o 2 Kings 4. 29.

† Heb. *till thou come to Jezreel.*

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Elijah, threatened by Jezebel,* 4 *is comforted by an angel.* 9 *God sendeth him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha.* 19 *Elisha followeth Elijah.*

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, [a] So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

a Ruth 1. 17.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ¶ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper-tree: and he [b] requested † for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough: now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

b Numb. 11. 15. Jon. 4. 3, 8.

† Heb. *for his life.*

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper-tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his † head: and he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

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† Heb. *bolster.*

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat [c] forty days and forty nights unto [d] Horeb the mount of God.

c So Deut. 9. 9, 18. Mat. 4. 2.

d Exod. 3. 1.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him; and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, [e] I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and [f] I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

e Rom. 11. 3.

f Chap. 18. 22. Rom. 11. 3.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and [g] a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:

g Ezekiel 1. 4. & 37. 7.

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that [h] he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave: [i] and, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

h So Exod. 3. 6. Isa. 6. 2.

i Verse 9.

14 [k] And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

k Verse 10.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: [l] and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria;

l 2 Kings 8. 12, 13.

16 And [m] Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel; and [n] Elisha the son of Shaphat, of Abel-meholah, shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

m 2 Kings 9. 1, 2, 3. Ecclus. 48. 8.

n Luke 4. 27. called *Eliseus.*

17 And [o] it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of

o 2 Kings 8. 12. & 9. 14, &c. & 10. 6, &c. & 13. 3.

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Hazael shall Jehu slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu [p] shall Elisha slay.

p See Hosea 6. 5.

18 [q] Yet || I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the kness which have not bowed unto Baal, [r] and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

q Rom. 11. 4.
|| Or, *I will leave.*
r See Hosea 13. 2.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* ploughing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, [s] Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, † Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

s Mat. 8. 21, 22. Luke 9. 61, 62.
† Heb. *Go return.*

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and [t] boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat: then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

t 2 Sam. 24. 22.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Ben-hadad besiegeth Samaria.* 13 *The Syrians are slain.* 31 *Ahab dismisseth Ben-hadad:* 35 *the prophet reproveth him.*

901. AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together; and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is † pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

† Heb. *desirable.*

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and † I denied him not.

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† Heb. *I kept not back from him.*

8 And all the elders, and all the people, said unto him, Hearken not *unto him,* nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, [a] The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that † follow me.

a Chap. 19. 2.
† Heb. are *at my feet:* So Exod. 11. 8.

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him,* Let not him that girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to pass, when *Ben-hadad* heard this † message, (as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the || pavilions,) that he said unto his servants, || Set *yourselves in array:* and they set *themselves in array* against the city.

† Heb. *word.*
|| Or, *tents.*
|| Or, *Place the engines: and they placed engines.*

13 ¶ And, behold, there † came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. *approached.*

14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by the || young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall † order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

|| Or, *servants.*
† Heb. *bind, or, tie.*

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon: but Ben-hadad *was* drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first: and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

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19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: [b] for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

[b] 2 Sam. 11. 1.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills, therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing; Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army † that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot; and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

† Heb. *that was fallen.*

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26 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, † to fight against Israel.

† Heb. *to the war with Israel.*

27 And the children of Israel were numbered, and || were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

|| Or, *were victualled.*

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days; and *so* it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, || † into an inner chamber.

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|| Or, *from chamber to chamber.*

† Heb. *into a chamber within a chamber.*

31 ¶ And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch *it:* and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

34 And *Ben-hadad* said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *said Ahab,* I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of [c] the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour [d] in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

[c] 2 Kings 2. 3, 5, 7, 15.

[d] Chap. 13. 17, 18.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, [e] a lion found him, and slew him.

[e] Chap. 13. 24.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, † so that in smiting he wounded *him.*

† Heb. *smiting and wounding.*

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And [f] as the king passed by, he cried unto the king; and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt † pay a talent of silver.

[f] See 2 Sam. 12. 1, &c.

† Heb. *weigh.*

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40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, † he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So *shall* thy judgment *be;* thyself hast decided *it.*

† Heb. *he was not.*

41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, [g] Because thou hast let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

g Chap. 22. 31,...37.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Ahab is denied Naboth's vineyard.* 5 *Jezebel causeth Naboth to be stoned.* 17 *Elijah denounceth judgments against Ahab and Jezebel.*

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

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2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy [a] vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; *or,* if it † seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

a 1 Sam. 8. 14.

† Heb. be *good in mine eyes.*

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, [b] that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

b Levit. 25. 23. Numb. 36. 7. Ezekiel 46. 18.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

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8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth † on high among the people;

† Heb. *in the top of the people.*

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst [c] blaspheme God and the king: and *then* carry him out, and [d] stone him, that he may die.

c Exod. 22. 28. Levit. 24. 15, 16. Acts 6. 11.
d Levit. 24. 14.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them:

12 [e] They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

e Isaiah 58. 4.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. [f] Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

f See 2 Kings 9. 26.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, [g] which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

g Chap. 15. 32. 2 Chron. 22. 9.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, [h] In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

h Chap. 22. 38.

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20 And Ahab said to Elijah, [i] Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee;* because [k] thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, [l] I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab [m] him that pisseth against the wall, and [n] him that is shut up and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of [o] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of [p] Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And [q] of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the || wall of Jezreel.

24 [r] Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ¶ But [s] there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, [t] whom Jezebel his wife || stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* [u] as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? Because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; *but* [x] in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Ahab, seduced by false prophets, is slain at Ramoth-gilead:* 37 *the dogs lick up his blood.* 41 *Jehoshaphat's good reign,* 45 *and acts.* 51 *Ahaziah's evil reign.*

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

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2 And it came to pass in the third year, that [a] Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 (And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* † still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?)

4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, [b] I *am* as thou *art,* my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

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5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day.

6 Then the king of Israel [c] gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And [d] Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an || officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah.

10 And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a † void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron; and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

14 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee

i Chap. 18. 17.
k 2 Kings 17. 17. Rom. 7. 14.
l Chap. 14. 10. 2 Kings 9. 8.
m 1 Sam. 25. 22.
n Chap. 14. 10.
o Chap. 15. 29.
p Chap. 1 . , 11.
q 2 Kings 9. 36.
|| Or, *ditch.*
r Chap. 14. 11. & 16. 4.
s Chap. 16. 30, *&c.*
t Chap. 16. 31.
|| Or, *incited.*
u Genes. 15. 6.
x 2 Kings 9. 25.
a 2 Chron. 18. 2, *&c.*
† Heb. *silent from taking it.*
b 2 Kings 3. 7.
c Chap. 18. 19.
d 2 Kings 3. 11.
|| Or, *eunuch.*
† Heb. *floor.*

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that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Israel
e Mat. 9. 36. e scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the
f Job 1. 6. & 2. 1. Dan. 7. 10. Zech. 1. 10. Mat. 18. 10. Hebr. 1. 7, 14. LORD sitting on his throne, f and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand, and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall
‖ Or, *deceive.* ‖ persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.
g Judg. 9. 23. Job 12. 16. Ezek. 14. 9. 2 Thess. 2. 11. And he said, g Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

h Ezekiel 14. 9. 23 h Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said,
i 2 Chron. 18. 23. i Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt
‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.* † Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.* go ‖ into † an inner chamber to hide thyself.

26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 ¶ So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, ‖ I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel k disguised himself, and went into the battle.

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‖ Or, *when he was to disguise himself, and enter into the battle.*

k 2 Chron. 35. 22.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat l cried out.

l 2 Chron. 18. 31.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a *certain* man drew a bow † at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the † joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am † wounded.

† Heb. *in his simplicity.*

† Heb. *joints and the breastplate.*

† Heb. *made sick.*

35 And the battle † increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the † midst of the chariot.

† Heb. *ascended.*

† Heb. *bosom.*

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 ¶ So the king died, and † was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

† Heb. *came.*

38 And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood, (and they washed his armour,) according m unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

m Chap. 21. 19.

39 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and n the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

n Amos 3. 15.

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

Began to reign alone, Verse 51.

41 ¶ And o Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

o 2 Chron. 20. 31.

42 Jehoshaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

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43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: [p] nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

p Chap. 15. 14. 2 Kings 12. 3.

44 And [q] Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

q 2 Chron. 19. 2.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 [r] And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

r Chap. 14. 24. & 15. 12.

47 [s] *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

s 2 Kings 3. 9. & 8. 20.

48 [t] Jehoshaphat || [u] made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: [x] but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

t 2 Chron. 20. 35.

|| Or, had *ten ships.*

u Chap. 10. 22.

x 2 Chron. 20. 37.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships: but Jehoshaphat would not.

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50 ¶ And [y] Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

y 2 Chron. 21. 1. 889. Now he begins to reign alone.

51 ¶ [z] Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

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52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Moab rebelleth.* 2 *Ahaziah sending to Baal-zebub, hath his judgment by Elijah.* 5 *Elijah twice bringeth fire from heaven upon Ahaziah's messengers.*

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THEN Moab rebelled against Israel [a] after the death of Ahab.

a Chap. 3. 5.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, † Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

† Heb. *The bed whither thou art gone up, thou shalt not come down from it.*

5 ¶ And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

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7 And he said unto them, † What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words:

† Heb. *What was the manner of the man?*

8 And they answered him, *He was* [b] an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

b See Zech. 13. 4. Mat. 3. 4.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty: and he went up to him; (and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill;) and he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then [c] let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

c Luke 9. 54.

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty: and he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let

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fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

13 ¶ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty: and the third captain of fifty went up, and came and † fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, [d] be precious in thy sight.

† Heb. *bowed.*

d Psalm 72. 14.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 ¶ So he died, according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken: and ‖ Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

‖ The second year that *Jehoram* was *Prorex*, and the eighteenth of *Jehoshaphat*, Chap. 3. 1.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

1 *Elijah divideth Jordan,* 9 *and granting Elisha his request, is taken up.* 12 *Elisha divideth Jordan,* 19 *healeth the waters.* 23 *Forty-two children destroyed at Beth-el.*

AND it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

a See Ruth 1. 15.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, [a] Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him, As* the LORD liveth, and [b] *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

b 1 Sam. 1. 26 Verses 4. 6. Chap. 4. 30.

3 And [c] the sons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace.

c 1 Kings 20. 35. Verses 5, 7, 15. Chap. 4. 1. & 9. 1.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

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5 And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it;* hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood † to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

† Heb. *in sight,* or, *over against.*

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapt *it* together, and smote the waters, and [d] they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

d So Exod. 14. 21. Josh. 3. 16. Verse 14.

9 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, † Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless,* if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be *so.*

† Heb. *Thou hast done hard in asking.*

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* [e] a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and [f] Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

e Chap. 6. 17.

f Ecclus. 48. 9. 1 Mac. 2. 58.

12 ¶ And Elisha saw *it,* and he cried, [g] My father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

g Chap. 13. 14.

13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the † bank of Jordan:

† Heb. *lip.*

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, [h] they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

h Verse 8.

15 And when the sons of the prophets, which *were* [i] to view at Jericho,

i Verse 7.

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saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him:

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty † strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master; [k] lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon †some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

† Heb. *sons of strength.*
[k] See 1 Kings 18. 12. Ezek. 3. 3. Bel & Dragon 36. Acts 8. 39.
† Heb. *one of the mountains.*

17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* naught, and the ground † barren.

† Heb. *causing to miscarry.*

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein: and they brought *it* to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and [l] cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren *land.*

[l] See Exod. 15. 25. Chap. 4. 41. & 6. 6. John 9. 6.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald-head; go up, thou bald-head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD: and there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel; and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 *Jehoram's reign.* 4 *Mesha rebelleth.* 6 *Elisha obtaineth water, and promise of victory.* 21 *The Moabites are overcome.*

[a] Chap. 1. 17.

NOW [a] Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the † image of Baal [b] that his father had made.

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† Heb. *statue.*
[b] 1 Kings 16. 31, 32.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto [c] the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

[c] 1 Kings 12. 28, 31, 32.

4 ¶ And Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand [d] lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

[d] See Isaiah 16. 1.

5 But it came to pass, when [e] Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

[e] Chap. 1. 1.

6 ¶ And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: [f] I *am* as thou *art,* my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses.

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[f] 1 Kings 22. 4.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle † that followed them.

† Heb. *at their feet:* See Exod. 11. 8.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 But [g] Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

[g] 1 Kings 22. 7.

12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom, [h] went down to him.

[h] Chap. 2. 25.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, [i] What have I to do with thee? [k] get thee to [l] the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay; for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

[i] Ezekiel 14. 3.
[k] So Judg. 10. 14. Ruth 1. 15.
[l] 1 Kings 18. 19.

14 And Elisha said, [m] *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the

[m] 1 Kings 17. 1. Chap. 5. 16.

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presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

n See 1 Sam. 10. 5.

15 But now bring me [n] a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that [o] the hand of the LORD came upon him.

o Ezekiel 1. 3. & 3. 14, 22. & 8. 1.

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, [p] Make this valley full of ditches:

p Chap. 4. 3.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

18 And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and † mar every good piece of land with stones.

† Heb. *grieve.*

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat-offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they † gathered all that were able to † put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

† Heb. *were cried together.*
† Heb. *gird himself with a girdle.*

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely † slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

† Heb. *destroyed.*

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but || they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country.

|| Or, *they smote it even in smiting.*

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: † only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

† Heb. *until he left the stones thereof in Kir-haraseth.*

26 ¶ And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

q Amos 2. 1.

27 Then [q] he took his eldest son, that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: [r] and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

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r Chap. 8. 20.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Elisha multiplieth the widow's oil:* 8 *he promiseth a son to the Shunammite,* 18 *and raiseth him when dead to life.*

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of [a] the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come [b] to take unto him my two sons to be bond-men.

a 1 Kings 20. 35.

b See Levit. 25. 39. Mat. 18. 25.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, [c] borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; || borrow not a few.

c Exod. 3. 22.

|| Or, *scant not.*

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God: and he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy || debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

|| Or, *creditor.*

8 ¶ And † it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to [d] Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she † constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

† Heb. *there was a day.*
d Joshua 19. 18.
† Heb. *laid hold on him.*

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

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12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

e Genes. 18. 10, 14.

† Heb. *set time.*

16 And he said, [e] About this † season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, [f] do not lie unto thine handmaid.

f Verse 28.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? *it is* neither new-moon nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* † well.

† Heb. *peace.*

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; † slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

† Heb. *restrain not for me to ride.*

25 So she went, and came unto the man of God [g] to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

g Chap. 2. 25.

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her; and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught † him by the feet; but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul *is* † vexed within her; and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

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† Heb. *by his feet.*

† Heb. *bitter.*

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? [h] did I not say, Do not deceive me?

h Verse 16.

29 Then he said to Gehazi, [i] Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, [k] salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again? and [l] lay my staff upon the face of the child.

i 1 Kings 18. 46. Chap. 9. 1.

k Luke 10. 4.

l See Exod. 7. 19. & 14. 16. Chap. 2. 8, 14. Acts 19. 12.

30 And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice nor † hearing: wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child *is* [m] not awaked.

† Heb. *attention.*

m John 11. 11.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

33 He [n] went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

n Verse 4. Mat. 6. 6.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and [o] he stretched himself upon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

o 1 Kings 17. 21. Acts 20. 10.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house † to and fro; and went up, [p] and stretched himself upon him: and [q] the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

† Heb. *once hither, and once thither.*

p 1 Kings 17. 21.

q Chap. 8. 1, 5.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her: and when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and *there was* a [r] dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* [s] sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

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r Chap. 8. 1.

s Acts 22. 3.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds

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his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat: and it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O *thou* man of God, *there is* death in the pot: and they could not eat *thereof.*

41 But he said, Then bring meal: and [t] he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat: and there was no † harm in the pot.

[t] See Exod. 15. 25. Chap. 2. 21. & 5. 10. John 9. 6. † Heb. *evil thing.*

42 ¶ And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, [u] and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn ‖ in the husk thereof: and he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

[u] 1 Sam. 9. 7. ‖ Or, *in his scrip*, or, *garment.*

43 And his servitor said, [x] What! should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, [y] They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof.*

[x] John 6. 9. [y] John 6. 11.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, [z] and left *thereof,* according to the word of the LORD.

[z] Matth. 14. 20. & 15. 37. John 6. 13.

CHAP. V.

1 *Naaman is cured of his leprosy.*
15 *Elisha refuseth Naaman's gifts.*
20 *Gehazi is smitten with leprosy.*

cir. 894. [a] Luke 4. 27. † Heb. *before.* ‖ Or, *gracious.* † Heb. *lifted up*, or, *accepted in countenance.* ‖ Or, *victory.*

NOW [a] Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man † with his master, and ‖ † honourable, because by him the LORD had given ‖ deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour; *but he was* a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she † waited on Naaman's wife.

† Heb. *was before.*

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* † with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would † recover him of his leprosy.

† Heb. *before.* † Heb. *gather in.*

4 And *one* went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that *is* of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and [b] took † with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

[b] Chap. 8. 8, 9. † Heb. *in his hand.*

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now, when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.

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7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I [c] God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

[c] Deuter. 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 6.

8 ¶ And it was *so,* when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and [d] wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

[d] See Chap. 4. 41.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, † ‖ I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and † strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

† Heb. *I said.* ‖ Or, *I said with myself, He will surely come out,* &c. † Heb. *move up and down.*

12 *Are* not ‖ Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

‖ Or, *Amana.*

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it?* how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and [e] his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and [f] he was clean.

[e] Job 33. 25. [f] Luke 4. 27.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel; now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, [g] *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, [h] I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it;* but he refused.

[g] Chap. 3. 14. [h] Genes. 14. 23. See Matth. 10. 8. Acts 8. 18, 20.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of

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earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, *that* when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and [i] he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

[i] Chap. 7. 2, 17.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him † a little way.

† Heb. *a little piece of ground*, as Genes. 35. 16.

20 ¶ But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, *as* the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman: and when Naaman saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, † *Is* all well?

† Heb. is there *peace*?

22 And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare *them* before him.

24 And when he came to the ||tower, he took *them* from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house; and he let the men go, and they departed.

|| Or, *secret place.*

25 But he went in, and stood before his master: and Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest thou*, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went † no whither.

† Heb. *not hither nor thither.*

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence [k] a leper *as white* as snow.

[k] Exod. 4. 6. Numb. 12. 10.

CHAP. VI.

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1 *Elisha causeth iron to swim:* 8 *he discloseth the king of Syria's counsel,* 13 *and smiteth his army with blindness.*

AND [a] the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

[a] Chap. 4. 38.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the † axe-head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

† Heb. *iron.*

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And [b] he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in thither; and the iron did swim.

[b] Chap. 2. 21.

7 Therefore, said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my || camp.

|| Or, *encamping.*

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him, and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, † None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

† Heb. *No.*

13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a † great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

† Heb. *heavy.*

15 And when the || servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone

|| Or, *minister.*

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forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots: and his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for [c] they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

c 2 Chron. 32. 7. Psal. 55. 18.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of [d] horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

d Chap. 2. 11. Psal. 34. 7. Zech. 1. 8. & 6. 1,—7.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And [e] he smote them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.

e Genes. 19. 11.

19 ¶ And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: † follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

† Heb. *come ye after me.*

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them?* shall I smite *them?*

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them:* wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

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24 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of doves' dung for five *pieces* of silver.

26 ¶ And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king!

27 And he said, ‖ If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press?

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‖ Or, *Let not the LORD save thee.*

28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow.

29 So [f] we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the † next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him; and she hath hid her son.

f Deut. 28. 53, 57.

† Heb. *other.*

30 ¶ And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, [g] God do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

g Ruth 1. 17. 1 Kings 19. 2.

32 But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but, ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, [h] See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? Look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

h Luke 13. 32.

33 And, while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Elisha prophesieth incredible plenty in Samaria.* 17 *The unbelieving lord is trodden to death.*

THEN Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, [a] To-morrow, about this time, *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

a Verses 18, 19.

2 [b] Then † a lord, on whose hand the king leaned, answered the man of God, and said, Behold, [c] *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

b Verse 17.

† Heb. *a lord which* belonged *to the king leaning upon his hand.* Chap. 5. 18.

c Mal. 3. 10.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men [d] at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

d Levit. 13. 46.

4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit

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still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

[e] 2 Sam. 5. 24.

6 For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians [e] to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us [f] the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

[f] 1 Kings 10. 29.

7 Wherefore they arose, and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it;* and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning-light † some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

† Heb. *we shall find punishment.*

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house within.

12 ¶ And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left † in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed,) and let us send and see.

† Heb. *in it.*

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14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan; and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste: and the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord, on whose hand he leaned, to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, [g] as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

[g] Chap. 6. 32. Verse 2.

18 And it came to pass, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, [h] Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow, about this time, in the gate of Samaria;

[h] Verse 1.

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The Shunammite hath her land restored.* 7 *Hazael succeedeth his master.* 16 *Jehoram's wicked reign.*

THEN spake Elisha unto the woman, [a] whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD [b] hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

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[a] Chap. 4. 35.

[b] Psalm 105. 16. Hag. 1. 11.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house, and for her land.

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4 And the king talked with [c] Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

c Chap. 5. 27.

5 [d] And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house, and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life.

d Chap. 4. 35.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ‖ officer, saying, Restore all that *was* her's, and all the fruits of the field, since the day that she left the land, even until now.

‖ Or, *eunuch.*

7 ¶ And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick: and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Hazael, [e] Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and [f] enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

e 1 Sam. 9. 7. 1 Kings 14. 3.

f Chap. 1. 2.

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present † with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

† Heb. *in his hand.*

10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that [g] he shall surely die.

g Verse 15.

11 And he settled his countenance † stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

† Heb. *and set it.*

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know [h] the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and [i] wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

h Chap. 10. 32. & 12. 17. & 13. 3, 7. Amos 1. 3.

i Chap. 15. 16. Hos. 13. 16. Amos 1. 13.

13 And Hazael said, But what! [k] *is* thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, [l] The LORD hath shewed me that thou *shalt be* king over Syria.

k 1 Sam. 17. 43.

l 1 Kings 19. 15.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover.

15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

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16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, [m] Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah † began to reign.

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m 2 Chron. 21. 4.

† Heb. *reigned.*

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

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18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for [n] the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

n Verse 26.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, [o] as he promised him to give him alway a † light, *and* to his children.

o 2 Sam. 7. 15. 1 Kings 11. 36. & 15. 4.

† Heb. *candle, or, lamp.*

20 ¶ In his days [p] Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, [q] and made a king over themselves.

2 Chron. 21. 7.

21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

p Genes. 27. 40. Chap. 3. 27. 2 Chron. 21. 8.

q 1 Kings 22. 47.

22 ‖ Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. [r] Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

‖ And so fulfilled, Gen. 27. 40.

r 2 Chron. 21. 10.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and [s] ‖ Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

s 2 Chron. 22. 1.

‖ Called *Azariah,* 2 Chron. 22. 6. and *Jehoahaz,* 2 Chron. 21. 17. & 25. 23.

25 ¶ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

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26 Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the ‖ daughter of Omri king of Israel.

‖ Or, *granddaughter:* See Ver. 18.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab; for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 ¶ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

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29 And [t] king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds

t Chap. 9. 15.

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† which the Syrians had given him at ‖ Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria: [u] and Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was † sick.

† Heb. *wherewith the Syrians had wounded.* ‖ Called *Ramoth,* Verse 28. u Chap. 9. 16. 2 Chron. 22. 6, 7. † Heb. *wounded.*

CHAP. IX.

1 *Jehu is anointed:* 11 *he killeth Joram.* 30 *Jezebel eaten by dogs.*

AND Elisha the prophet called one of [a] the children of the prophets, and said unto him, [b] Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go [c] to Ramoth-gilead:

a 1 Kings 20. 35.
b Chap. 4. 29. Jer. 1. 17.
c Chap. 8. 28, 29.

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him rise up from among [d] his brethren, and carry him to an † inner chamber;

d Verses 5, 11.
† Heb. *chamber in a chamber.*

3 Then [e] take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel: then open the door and flee, and tarry not.

e 1 Kings 19. 16.

4 ¶ So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting: and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, [f] Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

f 1 Kings 19. 16. 2 Chron. 22. 7.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, [g] at the hand of Jezebel.

g 1 Kings 21. 15.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and [h] I will cut off from Ahab [i] him that pisseth against the wall, and [k] him that is shut up and left in Israel.

h 1 Kings 14. 10. & 21. 21.
i 1 Sam. 25. 22.
k Deuter. 32. 36.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of [l] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of [m] Baasha the son of Ahijah.

l 1 Kings 14. 10. & 15. 29. & 21. 22.
m 1 Kings 16. 3, 11.

10 [n] And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her.* And he opened the door, and fled.

n 1 Kings 21. 23.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came [o] this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

o Jerem. 29. 26. John 10. 20. Acts 26. 24. 1 Corinth. 4. 10.

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12 And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

13 Then they hasted, and [p] took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu † is king.

p Matth. 21. 7.
† Heb. *reigneth.*

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram: (now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria:

15 But [q] king † Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians † had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria:) and Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* † let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

q Chap. 8. 29.
† Heb. *Jehoram.*
† Heb. *smote.*
† Heb. *let no escaper go,* &c.

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; (for Joram lay there.) [r] And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

r Chap. 8. 29.

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the ‖ driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth † furiously.

‖ Or, *marching.*
† Heb. *in madness.*

21 And Joram said, † Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And [s] Joram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Judah, went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and † met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

† Heb. *Bind.*
s 2 Chron. 22. 7.
† Heb. *found.*

22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mo-

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ther Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so* many.

23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah!

24 And Jehu †drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he †sunk down in his chariot.

† Heb. *filled his hand with a bow.*

† Heb. *bowed.*

25 Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, [t] the LORD laid this burden upon him;

t 1 Kings 21. 29.

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the †blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this ||plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD.

† Heb. *bloods.*

|| Or, *portion.*

27 ¶ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden-house: and Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam: and he fled to [u] Megiddo, and died there.

u In the kingdom of *Samaria*, 2 Chron. 22. 9.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

cir. 886. Then he began to reign as viceroy to his father in his sickness, 2 Chron. 21. 18, 19. But in Joram's twelfth year he began to reign alone, Chap. 8. 25.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it;* [x] and she †painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window:

x Ezekiel 23. 40.

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31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, [y] *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

y 1 Kings 16. 9,—20.

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two *or* three ||eunuchs.

|| Or, *chamberlains.*

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for [z] she *is* a king's daughter.

z 1 Kings 16. 31.

35 And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the scull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him: and he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake †by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [a] In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

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† Heb. *by the hand of.*

a 1 Kings 21. 23.

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; *so* that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

CHAP. X.

1 *Jehu causeth seventy of Ahab's children to be beheaded,* 18 *destroyeth the worshippers of Baal,* 29 *yet followeth Jeroboam's sins.*

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to †them that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

† Heb. *nourishers.*

2 Now, as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers-up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* †mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to-morrow this time. (Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up.)

† Heb. *for me.*

7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and

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said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him; but who slew all these?

10 Know now, that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake [a] † by his servant Elijah.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his ‖kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 ¶ And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria: *and* as he *was* at the † shearing-house in the way,

13 [b] Jehu † met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down † to salute the children of the king, and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he † lighted on [c] Jehonadab the son of [d] Rechab *coming* to meet him; and he † saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, [e] give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, [f] he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, [g] which he spake to Elijah.

18 ¶ And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, [h] Ahab served Baal a little, *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, † Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was ‖full from one end to another.

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‖ Or, so *full*, that they stood *mouth to mouth*.

22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard, and to the captains, Go in *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with † the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

† Heb. *the mouth.*

26 And they brought forth the † images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

† Heb. *statues.*

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, [i] and made it a draught-house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, [k] the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, [l] thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu † took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart; for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 ¶ In those days the LORD began

a 1 Kings 21. 19, 21, 29.
† Heb. *by the hand of.*
‖ Or, *acquaintance.*
† Heb. *house of shepherds binding sheep.*
b Chap. 8. 29. 2 Chron. 22. 8.
† Heb. *found.*
† Heb. *to the peace of, &c.*
† Heb. *found.*
c Jerem. 35. 6, *&c.*
d 1 Chron. 2. 55.
† Heb. *blessed.*
e Ezra 10. 19.
f Chap. 9. 8. 2 Chron. 22. 8.
g 1 Kings 21. 21.
h 1 Kings 16. 31, 32.
† Heb. *Sanctify.*
i Dan. 2. 5.
k 1 Kings 12. 28.
l See Verse 35. Chap. 13. 1, 10. & 14. 23. & 15. 8, 12.
† Heb. *observed not.*

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† to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

33 From Jordan †eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, (which *is* by the river Arnon,) ‖ even [m] Gilead and Bashan.

34 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

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36 And †the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

† Heb. *to cut off the ends.*

cir. 860.

† Heb. *toward the rising of the sun.*

‖ Or, *even to Gilead and Bashan.*

m Amos 1. 3.

† Heb. *the days* were.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Jehoash being saved from Athaliah's massacre, 4 is anointed king by Jehoiada.*

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AND when [a] Athaliah, [b] the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the †seed royal.

a 2 Chron. 22. 10.

b Chap. 6. 26.

† Heb. *seed of the kingdom.*

2 But ‖ Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took ‖ Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

‖ 2 Chron. 22. 11. *Jehoshabeath.*

‖ Or, *Jehoash.*

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years: and Athaliah did reign over the land.

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4 ¶ And [c] the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

c 2 Chron. 23. 1.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in [d] on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

d 1 Chron. 9. 25.

6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, ‖ that it be not broken down.

† Or, *from breaking up.*

‖ Or, *companies.*

7 And two ‖ †parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

† Heb. *bands.*

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain; and be ye with the king as he goeth out, and as he cometh in.

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9 [e] And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

e 2 Chron. 23. 8.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right † corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

† Heb. *shoulder.*

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony: and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, †God save the king.

† Heb. *Let the king live.*

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by [f] a pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason!

f Chap. 23. 3. 2 Chron. 34. 31.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 ¶ [g] And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; [h] between the king also and the people.

g 2 Chron. 23. 26.

h 2 Sam. 5. 3.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars: and [i] the priest appointed †officers over the house of the LORD.

i 2 Chron. 23. 18.

† Heb. *offices.*

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19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house: and he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

k 2 Chron. 24. 1.

21 [k] Seven years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Jehoash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada:* 19 *he is slain by his servants.*

a 2 Chron. 24. 1.

IN [a] the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

2 And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

b 1 Kings 15. 14. & 22. 43. Chap. 14. 4.

3 But [b] the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

c Chap. 22. 4. ‖ Or, *holy things.* † Heb. *holinesses.* d Exod. 30. 13. † Heb. *the money of the souls of his estimation,* Lev. 27. 2. † Heb. *ascendeth upon the heart of a man.* e Exod. 35. 5.

4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, [c] All the money of the ‖ † dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* [d] the money of every one that passeth *the account,* † the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that † [e] cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

† Heb. *in the twentieth year and third year.*

6 But it was *so, that* † in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

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7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? Now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priest consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the † door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

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† Heb. *threshold.*

10 And it was *so,* when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's ‖ scribe and the high priest came up, and they † put up in bags, and told the money *that was* found in the house of the LORD.

‖ Or, *secretary.* † Heb. *bound up.*

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they † laid it out to the carpenters and builders that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

† Heb. *brought it forth.*

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that † was laid out for the house to repair *it.*

† Heb. *went forth.*

13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, [f] they reckoned not with the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

f Chap. 22. 7.

16 [g] The trespass-money and sin-money was not brought into the house of the LORD: [h] it was the priests'.

g Levit. 5. 15, 18. h Numb. 18. 9.

17 ¶ Then [i] Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it; and [k] Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

i Chap. 8. 12. cir. 840. k See 2 Chron. 24. 23.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah [l] took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria; and he † went away from Jerusalem.

l 1 Kings 15. 18. Chap. 18. 15, 16. † Heb. *went up.*

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And [m] his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in ‖ the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

839. m Chap. 14. 5. ‖ Or, *Beth-millo.*

21 For [n] Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of

n 2 Chron. 24. 26. *Zabad.*

Before CHRIST cir. 839.

Or, *Shimrith.*

‖ Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Jehoahaz's wicked reign:* 9 *Joash succeedeth him.* 20 *Elisha's death.*

856. † Heb. *the twentieth year and third year.*

IN † the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

† Heb. *walked after.*

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and † followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

cir. 849.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel; and he delivered them into the hand of [a] Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

a Chap. 8. 12.

cir. 842.

4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

b See Verse 25. & Chap. 14. 25, 27.

5 ([b] And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, † as beforetime.

† Heb. *as yesterday* and *third day.*

6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* † walked therein: [c] and there † remained the grove also in Samaria.)

† Heb. *he walked.*

c 1 Kings 16. 33.

† Heb. *stood.*

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen: for the king of Syria had destroyed them, [d] and had made them like the dust by threshing.

d Amos 1. 3.

8 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and ‖ Joash his son reigned in his stead *.

‖ Verse 10. *Jeoash.*

* Alone.

841. ‖ In consort with his father, Chap. 14. 1.

10 ¶ In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began ‖ Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein.

Before CHRIST 811.

12 [e] And the rest of the acts of Joash, and [f] all that he did, and [g] his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

e Chap. 14. 15.

f See Verses 14, 25.

g Chap. 14. 9, &c.

13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

cir. 839.

14 ¶ Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father! [h] the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

h Chap. 2. 12.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, † Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand *upon it;* and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

† Heb. *Make thine hand to ride.*

17 And he said, Open the window eastward: and he opened *it.* Then Elisha said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

18 And he said, Take the arrows: and he took *them.* And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground: and he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times, then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it;* [i] whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

i Verse 25.

cir. 838.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men;* and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man † was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, [k] he revived, and stood up on his feet.

† Heb. *went down.*

k Eccles. 48. 14.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 [l] And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and [m] had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abra-

l Chap. 14. 27.

m Exod. 2. 24, 25.

Before CHRIST cir. 838.

ham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his † presence as yet.

† Heb. *face.*

24 So Hazael king of Syria died: cir. 839. and Ben-hadad his son reigned *in* his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz † took again, out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war: [n] three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

† Heb. *returned and took.* cir. 836.

n Verses 18, 19.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Amaziah's good reign:* 17 *he is slain by a conspiracy.* 21 *Azariah succeedeth him.*

839. [a] IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, reigned [b] Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

a Chap. 13. 10.
b 2 Chron. 25. 1.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 [c] Howbeit the high places were not taken away; as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

c Chap. 12. 3.

5 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants [d] which had slain the king his father.

d Chap. 12. 20.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, [e] The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

e Deuter. 24. 16. Ezek. 18. 4, 20.

cir. 827. 7 He slew of Edom in [f] the valley of Salt ten thousand, and took || Selah by war, [g] and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

f 2 Sam. 8. 13. Psalm 60. title.
‖ Or, *the rock.*
g Joshua 15. 38.

cir. 826. 8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

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9 [h] And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, [i] The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

h 2 Chron. 25. 18.
i See Judg. 9. 8.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this,* and tarry † at home; for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

Before CHRIST cir. 826.

† Heb. *at thy house.*

11 But Amaziah would not hear: therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

12 And Judah † was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to their tents.

† Heb. *was smitten.*

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from [k] the gate of Ephraim unto [l] the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

k Nehem. 12. 39.
l Jerem. 31. 38.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ [m] Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

m Chap. 13. 12.

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead. cir. 825.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash, son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now [n] they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

n 2 Chron. 25. 27.

20 And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. 810.

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took [o] Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

o Chap. 15. 13. & 2 Chron. 26. 1. he is called *Uzziah.*

22 He built [p] Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

p Chap. 16. 6.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of 825. Now he begins to reign alone.

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Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* forty and one years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel, [q] from the entering of Hamath unto [r] the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant [s] Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for [t] *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 [u] And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, [x] *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and [y] Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

q Numb. 13. 21. & 34. 8.
r Deuter. 3. 17.
s Jonah 1. 1. Matth. 12. 39, 40. called *Jonas.*
822.
t Deuter. 32. 36.
u Chap. 13. 5.
x 2 Sam. 8. 6. 2 Chron. 8. 3.
784.
y After an interregnum of eleven years, Chap. 15. 8.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Azariah's good reign:* 5 *Jotham succeedeth him:* 32 *his good reign.*

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, [a] began [b] Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 [c] Save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD [d] smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and [e] dwelt in a several house: and Jotham the king's son *was* over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers; and [f] they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

cir. 810. This is the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam's partnership in the kingdom with his father, who made him consort at his going to the Syrian wars. It is the sixteenth year of Jeroboam's monarchy.
a Chap. 14. 21. 2 Chron. 26. 1, 3.
b Called *Uzziah,* Verses 13, 30, &c.
c Verse 35. Chap. 12. 3. & 14. 4.
cir. 765.
d 2 Chron. 26. 19.
e Levit. 13. 46.

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f 2 Chron. 26. 23.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months.

cir. 773. There having been an interregnum for eleven years.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and [g] smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

cir. 772.
g As prophesied, Amos 7. 9.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

12 This *was* [h] the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth *generation.* And so it came to pass.

h Chap. 10. 30.

13 ¶ Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of [i] Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned † a full month in Samaria.

i Matth. 1. 8, 9. called, *Ozias,* and Verse 1. *Azariah.*
† Heb. *a month of days.*

14 For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from [k] Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

k 1 Kings 14. 17.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 ¶ Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him,* therefore he smote *it; and* all [l] the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

l Chap. 8. 12.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 *And* [m] Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

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m 1 Chron. 5. 26. Isa. 9. 1. Hosea 8. 9.

20 And Menahem † exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man

† Heb. *caused to come forth.*

Before CHRIST 771.

fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria: so the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

21 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

761. 23 ¶ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

759. 25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 ¶ In the two and fiftieth year
m Isa. 7. 1. of Azariah king of Judah, [m] Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

740. 29 In the days of Pekah king of
o 1 Chron. 5. 26. Isa. 9. 1. Israel [o] came Tiglath-pileser king of
p 1 Kings 15. 20. Assyria, and took [p] Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

739. 30 ¶ And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his [q] stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of [r] Uzziah.

q After an anarchy for some years, Chap. 17. 1. Hos. 10. 3, 7, 15.

r In the 4th year of Ahaz, in the 20th year after Jotham had begun to reign, *Ush.*

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, began [s] Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

s 2 Chron. 27. 1.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

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34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 ¶ [t] Howbeit the high places were t Verse 4. not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

cir. 742. At the end of Jotham's reign.

37 (In those days the LORD began to send against Judah [u] Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.)

u Chap. 16. 5. Isa. 7. 1.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Ahaz's wicked reign:* 10 *he sendeth a pattern of an altar from Damascus:* 17 *he spoileth the temple:* 19 *Hezekiah succeedeth him.*

IN [a] the seventeenth year of Pekah a 2 Chron. 28. 1. the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, [b] and made his b Levit. 18. 21. 2 Chron. 28. 3. son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and [c] on the c Deuter. 12. 2. hills, and under every green tree.

5 ¶ [d] Then Rezin king of Syria, d Isa. 7. 1. and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria [e] recovered Elath to Syria, and drave e Chap. 14. 22. the Jews from † Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

† Heb. *Eloth.*

7 ¶ So Ahaz sent messengers [f] to f Chap. 15. 29. † Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant, and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

† Heb. *Tilgath-pileser.* 1 Chron. 5. 26. & 2 Chron. 28. 20. *Tilgath-pilneser.*

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8 And Ahaz [g] took the silver and gold *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

[g] Chap. 12. 18. See 2 Chron. 28. 21.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against † Damascus, and [h] took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

† Heb. *Dammesek.*
[h] Foretold Amos 1. 5.

10 ¶ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and [i] the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

[i] 2 Chron. 26. 16, 19.

13 And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of † his peace-offerings, upon the altar.

† Heb. *which* were *his.*

14 And he brought also [k] the brasen altar, which *was* before the LORD, from the fore-front of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.

[k] 2 Chron. 4. 1.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn [l] the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering, and the king's burnt-sacrifice, and his meat-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by.*

[l] Exod. 29. 39, 40, 41.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

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17 ¶ [m] And king Ahaz cut off [n] the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down [o] the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

[m] 2 Chron. 28. 24.
[n] 1 Kings 7. 27, 28.
[o] 1 Kings 7. 23, 25.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

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20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and [p] was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

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[p] 2 Chron. 28. 27.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Hoshea's wicked reign.* 5 *Samaria for their sins is captivated.* 24 *The strange nations, plagued with lions, make a mixture of religions.*

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IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began [a] Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

[a] After an interreg. num, Chap. 15. 30.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 ¶ Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and † gave him || presents.

† Heb. *rendered.*
|| Or, *tribute.*

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

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5 ¶ Then [b] the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

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[b] Chap. 18. 9.

6 [c] In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, [d] and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

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[c] Chap. 18. 10. Hos. 13. 16. foretold.
[d] 1 Chron. 5. 26.

7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And [e] walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

[e] Levit. 18. 3.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, [f] from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

[f] Chap. 18. 8.
[g] 1 Kings 14. 23. Isa. 57. 5.

10 [g] And they set them up † images and [h] groves [i] in every high hill, and under every green tree:

† Heb. *statues.*
[h] Exod. 34. 13. Deuter. 16. 21.
[i] Deuter. 12. 2.

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the

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heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

k Exod. 20. 3, 4. Deuter. 5. 7, 8. l Deuter. 4. 19.

12 For they served idols, [k] whereof the LORD had said unto them, [l] Ye shall not do this thing.

† Heb. *by the hand of all.* m 1 Sam. 9. 9. n Jer. 18. 11. & 25. 5. & 35. 15.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, † by all the prophets, *and by* all [m] the seers, saying, [n] Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

o Deuter. 31. 27.

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but [o] hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

p Deuter. 29. 25.

15 And they rejected his statutes, [p] and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed [q] vanity, and [r] became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

q Deuter. 32. 21. 1 Kings 16. 13. 1 Cor. 8. 4. r Psalm 115. 8.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and [s] made them molten images, *even* two calves, [t] and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, [u] and served Baal.

s Exod. 32. 8. 1 Kings 12. 28. t 1 Kings 14. 15, 23. & 15. 13. & 16. 33. u 1 Kings 16. 31. & 22. 53. Chap. 11. 18.

17 [x] And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and [y] sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

x Levit. 18. 21. Chap. 16. 3. Ezekiel 23. 37. y 1 Kings 21. 20.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left [z] but the tribe of Judah only.

z 1 Kings 11. 13, 32.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

a 1 Kings 11. 11, 31. b 1 Kings 12. 20, 28.

21 For [a] he rent Israel from the house of David; and [b] they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them,

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

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c Ezra 4. 2, 10. d See Verse 30. e Chap. 18. 34. *Ivah.*

24 ¶ [c] And the king of Assyria brought *men* [d] from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from [e] Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And *so* it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests, whom they had carried away from Samaria, came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

f Verse 24.

30 And the men of [f] Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

g Ezra 4. 9.

31 [g] And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

h 1 Kings 12. 31.

32 So they feared the LORD, [h] and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

i Zeph. 1. 5.

33 [i] They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations || whom they carried away from thence.

|| Or, *who carried them away from thence.*

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the

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LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, [k] whom he named Israel:

k Genes. 32. 28. & 35. 10. 1 Kings 18. 31. 1 Judges 6. 10.

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, [l] Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power, and [m] a stretched-out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

m Exod. 6. 6.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Hezekiah's good reign:* 4 *he destroyeth idolatry, and prospereth.* 9 *Samaria is carried captive for their sins.*

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NOW it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* [a] Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

a 2 Chron. 28. 27. & 29. 1. He is called *Ezekias*, Matth. 1. 9.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: his mother's name also *was* [b] Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

b 2 Chron. 29. 1. *Abijah.*

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 ¶ [c] He removed the high places, and brake the †images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the [d] brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it ‖ Nehushtan.

c 2 Chron. 31. 1. † Heb. *statues.* d Numb. 21. 9. ‖ That is, *A piece of brass.*

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; [e] so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

e Chap. 23. 25.

6 For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not †from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

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7 And the LORD was with him, *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

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8 [f] He smote the Philistines, *even* unto †Gaza, and the borders thereof, [g] from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

f 1 Chron. 4. 41. Isa. 14. 29. † Heb. *Azzah.* g Chap. 17. 9.

9 ¶ And [h] it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

723. h Chap. 17. 3.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, (that *is* [i] the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel,) Samaria was taken.

cir. 721. i Chap. 17. 6.

11 [k] And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them [l] in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

k Chap. 17. 6. l 1 Chron. 5. 26.

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

13 ¶ Now, [m] in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did †Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

713. m 2 Chron. 32. 1, &c. Isa. 36. 1, &c. Ecclus. 48. 18. † Heb. *Sanherib.*

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver, and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave †it to the king of Assyria.

† Heb. *them.*

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and Rabsaris, and Rab-shakeh, from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a †great host against Jerusalem: and they went up, and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they

cir. 710. † Heb. *heavy.*

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came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, [n] which *is* in the high-way of the fuller's field.

n Isa. 7. 3.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the || scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

|| Or, *secretary.*

19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou || sayest, (but *they are but* † vain words,) || *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

|| Or, *talkest.*

† Heb. *word of the lips.*

|| Or, *but counsel and strength are for the war.*

21 [o] Now, behold, thou † trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

o Ezekiel 29. 6, 7.

† Heb. *trustest thee.*

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give || pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

|| Or, *hostages.*

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; (for we understand *it;*) and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

27 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink † their own piss with you?

† Heb. *the water of their feet.*

28 [p] Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear

p 2 Chron. 32. 15.

the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

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29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, ||† Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his || cistern;

|| Or, *Seek my favour.*

† Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*

|| Or, *pit.*

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil-olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he || persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

|| Or, *deceiveth.*

33 [q] Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

q Chap. 19. 12. Isa. 10. 10.

34 [r] Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and [s] Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

r Chap. 19. 13.

s Chap. 17. 24. *Avah.*

35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, [t] that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

t Dan. 3. 15.

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah [u] with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

u Isa. 33. 7.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Hezekiah, mourning, sendeth to Isaiah to pray for them:* 6 *he comforteth them.* 8 *Sennacherib sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah:* 14 *Hezekiah's prayer.* 35 *An angel slayeth the Assyrians.* 36 *Sennacherib is slain by his own sons.*

AND [a] it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

a Isa. 37.

2 And he sent Eliakim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the

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scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to [b] Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

[b] Luke 3. 4. called *Esaias.*

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and ‖ blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

‖ Or, *provocation.*

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, [c] whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are † left.

[c] Chap. 18. 35.

† Heb. *found.*

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 ¶ And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the [d] servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

[d] Chap. 18. 17.

7 Behold, I will send [e] a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

[e] Verse 35. Jer. 51. 1.

8 ¶ So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed [f] from Lachish.

[f] Chap. 18. 14.

9 And [g] when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

[g] See 1 Sam. 23. 27.

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 [h] Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?

[h] Chap. 18. 33.

13 [i] Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

[i] Chap. 18. 34.

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, [k] which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

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[k] 1 Sam. 4. 4. Psal. 80. 1.

16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands;

18 And have † cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them.

† Heb. *given.*

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem [l] hath shaken her head at thee.

[l] Job 16. 4. Ps. 22. 7, 8. Lamen. 2. 15.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against [m] the Holy *One* of Israel.

[m] Isa. 5. 24. Jer. 51. 5.

23 † By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down † the tall cedar-trees thereof, *and* the choice fir-trees thereof; and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* ‖ the forest of his Carmel.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

† Heb. *the tallness, &c.*

‖ Or, *the forest,* and *his fruitful field.*

24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of ‖ besieged places.

‖ Or, *fenced.*

25 ‖ Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

‖ Or, *Hast thou not heard* how *I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste,* and *fenced cities* to be *ruinous heaps?*

26 Therefore their inhabitants were † of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as*

† Heb. *short of hand.*

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[n] the grass on the house-tops, and *as* *corn* blasted before it be grown up.

27 But [o] I know thy ‖ abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

28 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore [p] I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 [q] And † the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and † they that escape out of mount Zion: [r] the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For [s] I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and [t] for my servant David's sake.

35 ¶ And [u] it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

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37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that [x] Adrammelech and Sharezer [y] his sons [z] smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of † Armenia: and [a] Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Hezekiah receiving a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthened.* 8 *The sun goeth ten degrees backward for a sign.* 14 *The Babylonish captivity foretold.* 20 *Manasseh succeedeth him.*

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IN [a] those days was Hezekiah sick unto death: and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

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2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept † sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle ‖ court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah, the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and [b] I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

8 ¶ And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, [c] What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken; Shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD; and [d] he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the † dial of Ahaz.

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12 ¶ [e] At that time ‖ Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And [f] Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his ‖ precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his ‖ † armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

† Heb. *Give charge concerning thine house.*

† Heb. *with a great weeping.*

‖ Or, *city.*

b Chap. 19. 34.

c See Judg. 6. 17, 37, 39. Isaiah 7. 11, 14.

d See Josh. 10. 12, 14. Isa. 38. 8. Eccles. 48. 23.

† Heb. *degrees.*

e Isa. 39. 1.

‖ Or, *Merodach-baladan.*

f 2 Chron. 32. 27, 31.

‖ Or, *spicery.*

‖ † Or, *jewels.*

† Heb. *vessels.*

n Psalm 129. 6.
o Psalm 139. 1, &c.
‖ Or, *sitting.*
p Ezekiel 29. 4. & 38. 4.
q 2 Chron. 32. 22, 23.
† Heb. *the escaping of the house of Judah that remaineth.*
† Heb. *the escaping.*
r Isa. 9. 7.
s Chap. 20. 6.
t 1 Kings 11. 12, 13.
u Isaiah 37. 36. Eccles. 48. 21. 1 Mac. 7. 41. 2 Mac. 8. 19.
x 2 Chron. 3. 21.
y Tobit 1. 21.
z Verse 7.
† Heb. *Ararat.*
a Ezra 4. 2.
a 2 Chron. 32. 24. Isa. 38. 1.

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14 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD:

17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, [g] shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; || and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, || *Is it* not *good,* if peace and truth be in my days?

20 ¶ [h] And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he [i] made a pool, and a conduit, and [k] brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Manasseh's wicked reign:* 3 *his great idolatry.* 19 *Amon's wicked reign:* 23 *he is slain.*

MANASSEH [a] *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places [b] which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, [c] as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And [d] he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, [e] In Jerusalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

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6 [f] And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed [g] times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, [h] In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

11 [i] Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, [k] *and* hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols;

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both [l] his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem [m] the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a dish, † wiping *it,* and turning *it* upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 [n] Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem † from one end to another; besides his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that*

g Chap. 24. 13. & 25. 13. Jer. 27. 21. & 52. 17.

|| Fulfilled Dan. 1. 3.

|| Or, *Shall there not be peace and truth,* &c.

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h 2 Chron. 32. 32.

i Nehem. 3. 16.

k 2 Chron. 32. 30.

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a 2 Chron. 33. 1.

b Chap. 18. 4.

c 1 Kings 16. 32, 33.

d Jerem. 32. 34.

e 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Kings 8. 29. & 9. 3.

f Levit. 18. 21. & 20. 2. Chap. 16. 3.

g Levit. 19. 26, 31.

h 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Kings 8. 29. & 9. 3. Chap. 23. 27. Psalm 132. 13.

i Chap. 23. 26, 27. & 24. 3, 4. Jer. 15. 4.

k 1 Kings 21. 26.

l 1 Sam. 3. 11. Jer. 19. 3.

m See Isa. 34. 11. Lam. 2. 8. Amos 7. 7, 8.

† Heb. *he wipeth and turneth* it *upon the face thereof.*

n Chap. 24. 4.

† Heb. *from mouth to mouth.*

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which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

o 2 Chr. 33. 11,—19.

17 ¶ Now [o] the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

p 2 Chron. 33. 20.

18 And [p] Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

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19 ¶ Amon *was* twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the ways that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

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23 ¶ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and

q Mat. 1. 10. called *Josias.*

[q] Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Josiah's good reign:* 3 *he taketh care for the repair of the temple.* 8 *Hilkiah findeth the book of the law.* 15 *Huldah prophesieth the destruction of Jerusalem.*

a 2 Chron. 34. 1.

JOSIAH [a] *was* eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of [b] Boscath.

b Joshua 15. 39.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

cir. 621.

3 ¶ And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

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4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is [c] brought into the house of the LORD, which [d] the keepers of the † door have gathered of the people:

c Chap. 12. 4.

d Chap. 12. 9.

† Heb. *threshold.*

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD; and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit [e] there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

e Chap. 12. 15.

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, [f] I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD: and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

f Deuter. 31. 24, &c. 2 Chron. 34. 14.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have † gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *melted.*

10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book: and Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and [g] Achbor the son of || Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

g *Abdon,* 2 Chron. 34. 20.

‖ Or, *Micah.*

13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

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14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of [h] Tikvah, the son of || Harhas, keeper of the † wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem || in the college;) and they communed with her.

h *Tikvath,* 2 Chron. 34. 22.

‖ Or, *Hasrah.*

† Heb. *garments.*

‖ Or, *in the second part.*

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15 ¶ And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

f 2 Chron. 34. 26.

18 But to [i] the king of Judah, which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee,* saith the LORD.

20 Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt

k Isaiah 57. 1, 2.

be gathered into thy grave [k] in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Josiah causeth the book to be read:* 3 *he reneweth the covenant of the Lord, and destroyeth idolatry.*

a 2 Chron. 34. 29, 30.

AND [a] the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people,

† Heb. *from small even unto great.*

b Chap. 22. 8.

c Chap. 11. 14.

† both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant [b] *which was* found in the house of the LORD.

3 ¶ And the king [c] stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all *their* heart, and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for [d] the grove, and for all the host of heaven; and he burnt them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el.

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d Chap. 21. 3, 7.

5 And he † put down † the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burnt incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the ‖ planets, and to all the host of heaven.

† Heb. *caused to cease.*

† Heb. *chemarim,* Hos. 10. 5. foretold, Zeph. 1. 4.

‖ Or, *twelve signs,* or, *constellations.*

6 And he brought out the [e] grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burnt it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon [f] the graves of the children of the people.

e Chap. 21. 7.

f 2 Chron. 34. 4.

7 And he brake down the houses [g] of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, [h] where the women wove † hangings for the grove.

g 1 Kings 15. 12.

h Ezekiel 16. 16.

† Heb. *houses.*

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 [i] Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, [k] but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

i See Ezek. 44. 10,—14.

k 1 Sam. 2. 36.

10 And he defiled [l] Topheth, which *is* in [m] the valley of the children of Hinnom, [n] that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

l Jerem. 7. 31. & 19. 6, 11.

m Joshua 15. 8.

n Levit. 18. 21. Deuter. 18. 10. Ezek. 23. 37, 39.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the ‖ chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burnt the chariots of the sun with fire.

‖ Or, *eunuch,* or, *officer.*

12 And the altars that *were* [o] on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which [p] Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and ‖ brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

o See Jerem. 19. 13. Zeph. 1. 5.

p Chap. 21. 5.

‖ Or, *ran from thence.*

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13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of ‖ the mount of Corruption, which [q] Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

‖ That is, the mount of Olives.

q 1 Kings 11. 7.

14 And he [r] brake in pieces the †images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

r Exod. 23. 24. Deuter. 7. 5, 25.

† Heb. *statues.*

15 ¶ Moreover, the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the high place [s] which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burnt the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burnt the grove.

s 1 Kings 12. 28.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the [t] word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

t 1 Kings 13. 2.

17 Then he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* [u] the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

u 1 Kings 13. 30.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones †alone, with the bones of [x] the prophet that came out of Samaria.

† Heb. *to escape.*

x 1 Kings 13. 31.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that *were* [y] in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

y See 2 Chron. 34. 6.

20 And [z] he ‖ [a] slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burnt men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

z 1 Kings 13. 2.

‖ Or, *sacrificed.*

a Exod. 22. 20. Chap. 11. 18.

21 ¶ And the king commanded all the people, saying, [b] Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, [c] as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

b 2 Chron. 35. 1. 1 Esd. 1. 1.

c Exod. 12. 3. Lev. 23. 5. Numb. 9. 2. Deut. 16. 2.

22 Surely [d] there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

d 2 Chron. 35. 18.

cir. 623. His 18th year ending.

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 ¶ Moreover, the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the ‖ images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah, and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of [e] the law *which were* written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

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‖ Or, *teraphim,* Gen. 31. 19.

e Levit. 19. 31. & 20. 27. Deuter. 18. 11.

25 [f] And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

f Chap. 18. 5.

26 ¶ Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, [g] because of all the †provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

g Chap. 21. 11, 12. Jer. 15. 4.

† Heb. *angers.*

27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as [h] I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem, which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, [i] My name shall be there.

h Chap. 17. 18, 20. & 18. 11. & 21. 15.

i 1 Kings 8. 29. & 9. 3.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

Chap. 21. 4, 7.

29 ¶ [k] In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at [l] Megiddo, when he [m] had seen him.

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k 2 Chron. 35. 20.

l Zech. 12. 11.

m Chap. 14. 8.

30 [n] And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre: and [o] the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

n 2 Chron. 35. 24.

o 2 Chron. 36. 1.

31 ¶ ‖ Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* [p] Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

‖ Called *Shallum,* 1 Chron. 3. 15. Jer. 22. 11.

p Chap. 24. 18.

32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands [q] at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, ‖ that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and †put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

q Chap. 25. 6.

‖ Or, *because he reigned.*

† Heb. *set a mulct upon the land.*

34 And [r] Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the

r 2 Chron. 36. 4.

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room of Josiah his father, and [s] turned his name to [t] Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: [u] and he came to Egypt, and died there.

[s] See Chap. 24. 17. Dan. 1. 7.
[t] Matth. 1. 11. called *Jakim.*
[u] Jer. 22. 11, 12. Ezekiel 19. 3, 4.

35 And Jehoiakim gave [x] the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money, according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

[x] Verse 33.

36 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Jehoiakim, rebelling, procureth his own ruin.* 10 *Jerusalem is taken.* 17 *Zedekiah's evil reign.*

[a] 2 Chron. 36. 6. Jer. 25. 1, 9. Dan. 1. 1. 607. 606. 603. 600.

IN [a] his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

[b] Ezekiel 19. 8. Jer. 32. 28.

2 [b] And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, [c] according to the word of the LORD, which he spake † by his servants the prophets.

[c] Chap. 20. 17. & 23. 27.
† Heb. *by the hand of.*

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, [d] for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

[d] Chap. 21. 2, 11. & 23. 26.

4 [e] And also for the innocent blood that he shed, (for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood,) which the LORD would not pardon.

[e] Chap. 21. 16.

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

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6 [f] So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

[f] See 2 Chron. 36. 6. Jerem. 22. 18, 19. & 36. 30.

7 And [g] the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for [h] the king of Babylon had taken, from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

[g] See Jer. 37. 5, 7.
[h] Jer. 46. 2.

8 ¶ ‖ Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign; [i] and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

‖ Called *Jeconiah*, 1 Chron. 3. 16. Jer. 24. 1. and *Coniah*, Jer. 22. 24, 28.
[i] 2 Chron. 36. 9.

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9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ [k] At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city † was besieged.

[k] Dan. 1. 1.
† Heb. *came into siege.*

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 [l] And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his ‖ officers; [m] and the king of Babylon [n] took him [o] in the eighth year of his reign.

[l] Jerem. 24. 1. & 29. 1, 2. Ezekiel 17. 12.
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*
[m] Nebuchadnezzar's 8th year, Jer. 25. 1.
[n] See Chap. 25. 27.
[o] See Jer. 52. 28.

13 [p] And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and [q] cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, [r] as the LORD had said.

[p] Chap. 20. 17. Isa. 39. 6.
[q] See Dan. 5. 2, 3.
[r] Jer. 20. 5.

14 And [s] he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, [t] *even* ten thousand captives, and [u] all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save [x] the poorest sort of the people of the land.

[s] Jer. 24. 1.
[t] See Jer. 52. 28.
[u] So 1 Sam. 13. 19, 22.
[x] Chap. 25. 12.

15 And [y] he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his ‖ officers, and the mighty of the land; *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

[y] 2 Chron. 36. 10. Esther 2. 6. Jerem. 22. 24, &c.
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*

16 And [z] all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

[z] See Jer. 52. 28.

17 ¶ And [a] the king of Babylon made Mattaniah [b] his father's brother king in his stead, and [c] changed his name to Zedekiah.

[a] Jer. 37. 1.
[b] 1 Chron. 3. 15.
[c] So Chap. 23. 34. 2 Chron. 36. 4.

18 [d] Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* [e] Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

[d] 2 Chron. 36. 11. Jer. 37. 1. & 52. 1.
[e] Chap. 23. 31.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, [f] that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

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[f] Ezekiel 17. 15.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Jerusalem is besieged.* 4 *Zedekiah taken, his sons slain, and his eyes put out.* 8 *Jerusalem destroyed, and the people carried into captivity.*

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AND it came to pass [a] in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it: and they built forts against it round about.

a 2 Chron. 36. 17. Jer. 34. 2. & 39. 1. & 52. 4. Ezek. 24. 1.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

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3 And on the ninth *day* of the [b] *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

b Jerem. 39. 2. & 52. 6.

4 ¶ And [c] the city was broken up, and all the men *of war* fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which *is* by the king's garden; (now the Chaldees *were* against the city round about:) and [d] *the king* went the way toward the plain.

c Jerem. 52. 7.

d Ezekiel 12. 12.

5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon [e] to Riblah; and they †gave judgment upon him.

e Chap. 23. 33.

† Heb. *spake judgment with him.*

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and †[f] put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

† Heb. *made blind.*

f Ezekiel 12. 13.

8 ¶ And in the fifth month, [g] on the seventh *day* of the month, (which *is* [h] the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) came Nebuzar-adan, ‖ captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

g See Jer. 52. 12.

h See Chap. 24. 12. & Verse 27.

‖ Or, *chief marshal.*

9 [i] And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire.

i 2 Chron. 36. 19.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 [k] Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the †fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan, the captain of the guard, carry away.

k Jerem. 39. 9. & 52. 15.

† Heb. *fallen away.*

12 But the captain of the guard [l] left of the poor of the land *to be* vine-dressers and husbandmen.

l Chap. 24. 14. Jer. 40. 7. & 52. 16.

13 ¶ And [m] the [n] pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and [o] the bases, and [p] the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

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m Chap. 20. 17. Jer. 19. 22.

n 1 Kings 7. 15.

o 1 Kings 7. 27.

p 1 Kings 7. 23.

14 And [q] the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

q Exod. 27. 3. 1 Kings 7. 45, 50.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, †one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD: [r] the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

† Heb. *the one sea.*

r 1 Kings 7. 47.

17 [s] The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen-work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen-work.

s 1 Kings 7. 15. Jer. 52. 21.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took [t] Seraiah the chief priest, and [u] Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the †door:

t 1 Chron. 6. 14.

u Jerem. 21. 1. & 29. 25.

† Heb. *threshold.*

19 And out of the city he took an ‖ officer, that was set over the men of war, and [x] five men of them that †were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the ‖ principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city:

‖ Or, *eunuch.*

x Jerem. 52. 25.

† Heb. *saw the king's face,* Esther 1. 14.

‖ Or, *scribe of the captain of the host.*

20 And Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah, in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ [y] And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.

y Jerem. 40. 5.

23 And when all the [z] captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

z Jerem. 40. 7.

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24 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

a Jerem. 41. 1.

25 But [a] it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed † royal, came, and ten men with him, and [b] smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.

† Heb. *of the kingdom.*

b Jerem. 41. 2.

26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, [c] and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

c Jerem. 43. 4, 7.

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27 ¶ [d] And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, [e] did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison:

d Jerem. 52. 31.

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e See Gen. 40. 13, 20.

28 And he spake † kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon;

† Heb. *good things with him.*

29 And changed his prison-garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Adam's line to Noah.* 5 *The sons of Japheth.* 8 *The sons of Ham.* 17 *The sons of Shem.* 24 *Shem's line to Abraham.* 29 *Ishmael's sons.* 32 *The sons of Keturah.* 34 *The posterity of Abraham by Esau.*

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ADAM, [a] Sheth, Enosh.

2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,

3 Henoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

a Genes. 4. 25, 26. & 5. 3, 9.

5 ¶ [b] The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

b Genes. 10. 2.

6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and ‖ Riphath, and Togarmah.

‖ Or, *Diphath*, as it is in some copies.

7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.

‖ Or, *Rodanim*, according to some copies.

8 ¶ [c] The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

c Gen. 10. 6.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

d Gen. 10. 8.

10 And Cush [d] begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and [e] Caphthorim.

e Deuter. 2. 23.

13 And [f] Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

f Genes. 10. 15.

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

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17 ¶ The sons of [g] Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and ‖ Meshech.

g Genes. 10. 22. & 11. 10.

‖ Or, *Mash*, Gen. 10. 23.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* ‖ Peleg; (because in his days, the earth was divided:) and his brother's name *was* Joktan.

‖ That is, *Division.*

20 And [h] Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

h Genes. 10. 26.

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

24 ¶ [i] Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

i Genes. 11. 10. Luke 3. 36, &c.

25 [k] Eber, Peleg, Reu,

k Genes.

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

11. 15.

27 [l] Abram; the same *is* Abraham.

l Gen. 17. 5.

28 The sons of Abraham; [m] Isaac, and [n] Ishmael.

m Genes. 21. 2, 3.

n Genes. 16. 11, 15.

29 ¶ These *are* their generations: The [o] first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

o Gen. 25. 13,—16.

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa,

‖ Or, *Hadar*, Gen. 25. 15.

‖ Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 ¶ Now [p] the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and

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p Genes. 25. 1, 2.

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Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

q Genes. 21. 2.
r Genes. 25. 25.
s Genes. 36. 9, 10.

34 ¶ And [q] Abraham begat Isaac. [r] The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel.

35 ¶ The sons of [s] Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalim, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, || Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

|| Or, *Zepho*, Gen. 36. 11.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

t Genes. 36. 20.

38 And [t] the sons of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and || Homam: and Timna *was* Lotan's sister.

|| Or, *Heman*, Gen. 36. 22.

40 The sons of Shobal; || Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, || Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

|| Or, *Alvan*, Gen. 36. 23.
|| Or, *Shepho*, Gen. 36. 23.

41 The sons of Anah; [u] Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; || Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

u Genes. 36. 25.
|| Or, *Hemdan*, Gen. 36. 26.

42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, *and* || Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

|| Or, *Achan*, Gen. 36. 27.

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x Genes. 36. 31.

43 ¶ Now these *are* the [x] kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad (which smote Midian in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

y Genes. 36. 37.

48 [y] And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, || Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* || Pai; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

|| Or, *Hadar*, Gen. 36. 39.
|| Or, *Pau*, Gen. 36. 39.

51 ¶ Hadad died also. And the [z] dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke || Aliah, duke Jetheth,

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z Genes. 36. 40.
|| Or, *Alvah*.

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

1 *The sons of Israel.* 3 *The posterity of Judah.* 13 *The children of Jesse.* 18 *Caleb's posterity.*

THESE *are* the sons of || Israel; [a] Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

|| Or, *Jacob*.

a Genes. 29. 32. & 30. 5. & 35. 18, 22. & 46. 8, &c.

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 ¶ The sons of [b] Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of [c] Shua the Canaanitess. And [d] Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and he slew him.

b Genes. 38. 3. & 46. 12. Numb. 26. 19.
c Gen. 38. 2.
d Gen. 38. 7.

4 And [e] Tamar his daughter-in-law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

e Gen. 38. 29, 30. Matth. 1. 3.

5 The sons of [f] Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

f Genes. 46. 12. Ruth 4. 18.

6 And the sons of Zerah; || Zimri, [g] and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and || Dara: five of them in all.

|| Or, *Zabdi*, Josh. 7. 1.
g 1 Kings 4. 31.
|| Or, *Darda*.

7 And the sons of [h] Carmi; || Achar the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing [i] accursed.

h See Chap. 4. 1.
|| Or, *Achan*.
i Josh. 6. 18. & 7. 1.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

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9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and || Ram, and || Chelubai.

|| Or, *Aram*, Mat. 1. 3, 4.

10 And Ram [k] begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, [l] prince of the children of Judah;

|| Or, *Caleb*, Verses 18, 42.
k Ruth 4. 19. Matth. 1. 4.

11 And Nahshon begat || Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

l Numb. 1. 7. & 2. 3.

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse.

|| Or, *Salmon*, Ruth 4. 21. Matt. 1. 4.

13 ¶ [m] And Jesse begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and || Shimma the third,

cir. 1090.
m 1 Sam. 16. 6.

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

|| Or, *Shammah*, 1Sam. 16. 9.

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:

16 Whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. [n] And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

n 2 Sam. 2. 18.

17 And [o] Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* || Jether the Ishmeelite.

o 2 Sam. 17. 25.
|| 2 Sam. 17. 25. *Ithra an Israelite.*

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

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19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him [p] Ephrath, which bare him Hur.

[p] Verse 50.

20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat [q] Bezaleel.

[q] Exod. 31. 2.

21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of [r] Machir, the father of Gilead, whom he † married when he *was* threescore years old, and she bare him Segub.

[r] Numb. 27. 1.

† Heb. *took.*

22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 [s] And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, *even* threescore cities: all these *belonged to* the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

[s] Numb. 32. 41. Deut. 3. 14. Josh. 13. 30.

24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah, Hezron's wife, bare him [t] Ashur the father of Tekoa.

[t] Chap. 4. 5.

25 ¶ And the sons of Jerahmeel, the first-born of Hezron, were Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah.

26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children.

31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And [u] the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.

[u] See Verse 34, 35.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 ¶ Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters: and Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife, and she bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat [x] Zabad,

[x] Chap. 11. 41.

37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,

38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,

39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,

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40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,

41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.

42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were* Mesha his first-born, which *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeah: and the daughter of Caleb *was* [y] Achsah.

[y] Joshua 15. 17.

50 ¶ These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of || Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,

|| Or, *Ephrath*, Verse 19.

51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; || Haroeh, *and* || half of the Manahethites.

|| Or, *Reaiah*, Chap. 4. 2.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

|| Or, *half of the Menuchites*, or, *Hatsihammenuchoth.*

54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, || Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

|| Or, *Asarites*, or, *crowns of the house of Joab.*

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the [z] Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of [a] Rechab.

[z] Judges 1. 16.

[a] Jer. 35. 2.

CHAP. III.

1 *The sons of David:* 10 *his line to Zedekiah.* 17 *The successors of Jeconiah.*

NOW these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the first-born [a] Amnon,

[a] 2 Sam. 3. 2.

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of Ahinoam the [b] Jezreelitess; the second, || Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;

2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by [c] Eglah his wife.

4 *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and [d] there he reigned seven years and six months: and [e] in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 [f] And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; || Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and [g] Solomon, four, of || Bath-shua the daughter of || Ammiel:

6 Ibhar also, and || Elishama, and Eliphelet,

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

8 And Elishama, and || Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

9 *These were* all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and [h] Tamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomon's son *was* [i] Rehoboam, || Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, || Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, || Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah *were*, the first-born || Johanan, the second || Jehoiakim, the third || Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of [k] Jehoiakim; || Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah [l] his son.

17 ¶ And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, † Salathiel [m] his son,

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah *were* Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister;

20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; [n] Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and † Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

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24 And the sons of Elioenai *were* Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seven.

CHAP. IV.

1, 11 *The posterity of Judah by Caleb the son of Hur.* 5 *Of Ashur the posthumous son of Hezron.* 9 *Of Jabez and his prayer.* 21 *The posterity of Shelah,* 24 *and of Simeon:* 39 *their conquest of Gedor,* &c.

THE sons of Judah; [a] Pharez, Hezron, and || Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

1300, &c.

2 And || Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these *were of* the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi:

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of [b] Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 ¶ And [c] Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah *were* Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name || Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, † Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest † keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which *was* the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of || Ir-nahash. These *are* the men of Rechah.

13 And the sons of Kenaz; [d] Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; || Hathath.

[b] Joshua 15. 56.
|| Or, *Chileab,* 2 Sam. 3. 3.
[c] 2 Sam. 3. 5.
[d] 2 Sam. 2. 11.
[e] 2 Sam. 5. 5.
[f] 2 Sam. 5. 14. Chap. 14. 4.
|| Or, *Shammua,* 2 Sam. 5. 14.
[g] 2 Sam. 12. 24.
|| Or, *Bath-sheba,* 2 Sam. 11. 3.
|| Or, *Eliam,* 2 Sam. 11. 3.
|| Or, *Elishua,* 2 Sam. 5. 15.
|| Or, *Beeliada,* Chap. 14. 7.
[h] 2 Sam. 13. 1.
[i] 1 Kings 11. 43. & 15. 6.
|| Or, *Abijam,* 1 Kings 15. 1.
|| Or, *Azariah,* 2 Chron. 22. 6. or *Jehoahaz,* 2 Chron. 21. 17.
|| Or, *Uzziah,* 2 Kings 15. 34.
|| Or, *Jehoahaz,* 2 Kings 23. 30.
|| Or, *Eliakim,* 2 Kings 23. 34.
|| Or, *Mattaniah,* 2 Kings 24. 17.
[k] Matth. 1. 11.
|| Or, *Jehoiachin,* 2 Kings 24. 6. or *Coniah,* Jer. 22. 24. & 24. 17. being his uncle.
† Heb. *Shealtiel.*
[m] Matth. 1. 12.
[n] Ezra 8. 2.

† Heb. *Hizkijahu.*

[a] Genes. 38. 29. & 46. 12.
|| Or, *Chelubai,* Chap. 2. 9. or, *Caleb,* Chap. 2. 18.
|| Or, *Haroeh,* Chap. 2. 52.
[b] Chap. 2. 50.
[c] Chap. 2. 24.
|| That is, *Sorrowful.*
† Heb. *If thou wilt,* &c.
† Heb. *do me.*
|| Or, *the city of Nahash.*
[d] Joshua 15. 17.
|| Or, *Hathath,* and *Meno thai,* who *begat,* &c.

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14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of [e] the ‖ valley of ‖ Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, ‖ even Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Azareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra *were* Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife ‖ Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the sons of *his* wife ‖ Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon *were* Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were* Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ The sons of Shelah [f] the son of Judah *were* Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubilehem. And *these are* ancient things.

23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon *were* ‖ Nemuel, and Jamin, ‖ Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul:

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, † like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at [g] Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at ‖ Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at ‖ Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and ‖ Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David.

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32 And their villages *were* ‖ Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities:

33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto ‖ Baal. These *were* their habitations, and ‖ their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Aziel,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

38 These † mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families; and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and [h] smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they smote [i] the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

1 *The line of Reuben:* 9 *their habitation and conquest of the Hagarites.*

1300, *&c.*

NOW the sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel, (for [a] he *was* the first-born; but, forasmuch as he [b] defiled his father's bed, [c] his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

2 For [d] Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the [e] chief ‖ ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's;)

3 The sons, *I say*, of [f] Reuben the first-born of Israel *were* Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

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e Nehem. 11. 35.

‖ Or, inhabitants *of the valley.*

‖ That is, *Craftsmen.*

‖ Or, *Uknaz.*

‖ Or, *the Jewess.*

‖ Or, *Jehudijah*, mentioned before.

f Genes. 38. 1, 5.

‖ Or, *Jemuel*, Gen. 46. 10. Exod. 6. 15. Numb. 26. 12.

‖ Or, *Jachin*, Zohar.

† Heb. *unto.*

g Josh. 19. 2.

‖ Or, *Balah*, Josh. 19. 3.

‖ Or, *Eltolad*, Josh. 19. 4.

‖ Or, *Hazar-susah.* Josh. 19. 5.

‖ Or, *Ether*, Josh. 19. 7.

‖ Or, *Baal-ath-beer*, Josh. 19. 8.

‖ Or, *as they divided themselves by nations among them.*

† Heb. *coming.*

cir. 715.

h 2 Kings 18. 8.

i See 1 Sam. 15. 8. & 30. 17. & 2 Sam. 8. 12.

a Genes. 29. 32.

b Genes. 35. 22. & 49. 4.

c Gen. 48. 15, 22.

d Gen. 49. 8, 10. Psal. 60. 7. & 108. 8.

e Mic. 5. 2. Mat. 2. 6.

‖ Or, *prince.*

f Gen. 46. 9. Exod. 6. 14. Num. 26. 5.

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4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,
5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,
6 Beerah his son, whom ‖ Tilgath-pilnezer king of Assyria carried away *captive:* he *was* prince of the Reubenites.

‖ Or, *Tiglath-pilezer,* 2 Kings 15. 29. & 16. 7.

7 And his brethren by their families, (g when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned,) *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

g See Verse 17.

8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of ‖ Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in h Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon:

‖ Or, *Shemaiah,* Verse 4.
h Josh. 13. 15, 16.

9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates; because their cattle were multiplied i in the land of Gilead.

i Josh. 22.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war k with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents † throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

k Genes. 25. 12.
† Heb. *upon all the face of the east.*

11 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of l Bashan unto Salcah:
12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
13 And their brethren, of the house of their fathers, *were* Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.
14 These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;
15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.
16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of m Sharon, upon † their borders.
17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of n Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of o Jeroboam king of Israel.

l Josh. 13. 11, 24.
m Chap. 27. 29.
† Heb. *their goings forth.*
n 2 Kings 15. 5, 32.
o 2 Kings 14. 16.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, † of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.
19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with p Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.
20 And q they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

† Heb. *their valour.*
p Genes. 25. 15. Chap. 1. 31.
q See Verse 22.

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21 And they † took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of † men an hundred thousand.
22 For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until r the captivity.

† Heb. *led captive.*
† Heb. *souls of men:* as Numb. 31. 35.
r 2 Kings 15. 29. & 17. 6.

23 ¶ And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.
24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, † famous men, *and* heads of the house of their fathers.
25 ¶ And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a s whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before the.
26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of t Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilnezer king of Assyria, and he carried them away, (even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,) and brought them unto u Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

† Heb. *men of names.*
s 2 Kings 17. 7.
cir. 771.
t 2 Kings 15. 19.
cir. 740.
u 2 Kings 17. 6. & 18. 11.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The sons of Levi.* 4 *The line of the priests.* 49 *The office of Aaron, and his line.*

Before CHRIST 1300, &c.

THE sons of Levi; a ‖ Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, b Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.
3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; c Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,
5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,
6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,
7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,
8 And d Ahitub begat Zadok, and e Zadok begat Ahimaaz,
9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

a Genes. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16. Numb. 26. 57. Chap. 23. 6.
‖ Or, *Gershom,* Verse 16.
b See Verse 22.
c Levit. 10. 1.
d 2 Sam. 8. 17.
e 2 Sam. 15. 27.

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10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* [f]that executed the priest's office † in the [g]temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem,)

11 And [h]Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ‖ Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat [i]Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

15 And Jehozadak went *into captivity,* [k]when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 ¶ The sons of Levi; [l]‖ Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these *be* the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath *were* Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites, according to their fathers.

20 ¶ Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, [m]Zimmah his son,

21 ‖ Joah his son, ‖ Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ‖ Jeaterai his son.

22 ¶ The sons of Kohath; ‖ Aminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, ‖ Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah; [n]Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 *As for* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ‖ Zophai his son, and [o]Nahath his son,

27 [p]Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son,

28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-born ‖ Vashni, and Abiah.

29 ¶ The sons of Merari: Mahli; Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

1280, &c.

31 And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the [q]ark had rested.

32 And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem; and *then* they waited on their office, according to their order.

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33 And these *are* they that † waited with their children: Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,

34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of ‖ Toah,

35 The son of ‖ Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 The son of Elkanah, the son of ‖ Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of [r]Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph, (who stood on his right hand,) *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea,

40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,

41 The son of [s]Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimma, the son of Shimei,

43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren, the sons of Merari, *stood* on the left hand: ‖ Ethan the son of ‖ Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,

47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 Their brethren also the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron and his sons offered [t]upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and [u]on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses, the servant of God, had commanded.

1444, &c.

50 And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 ¶ [x]Now these *are* their dwelling-places throughout their castles,

f See 2 Chron. 26. 17, 18.
† Heb. *in the house.*
g 1 Kings 6. 2 Chron. 3.
h See Ezra 7. 3.
‖ Or, *Meshullam,* Chap. 9. 11.
i Nehem. 11. 11.
k 2 Kings 25. 18.
l Exod. 6. 16.
‖ Or, *Gershon,* Verse 1.
m Verse 42.
‖ Or, *Ethan,* Verse 42.
‖ Or, *Adaiah,* Verse 41.
‖ Or, *Ethni,* Verse 41.
‖ Or, *Izhar,* Ver. 2, 18.
‖ Or, *Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel,* Verse 36.
n See Verse 35, 36.
‖ Or, *Zuph,* Verse 35.
1 Sam. 1. 1.
o Verse 34. *Toah.*
p Verse 34. *Eliel.*
‖ Called also *Joel,* Ver. 33. & 1 Sam. 8. 2.
q Chap. 16. 1.
† Heb. *stood.*
‖ Verse 26. *Nahath.*
‖ Or, *Zophai.*
‖ Verse 24. *Shaul, Uzziah, Uriel.*
r Exod. 6. 24.
s See Verse 21.
‖ Called *Jeduthun,* Chap. 9. 16. & 25. 1, 3, 6.
‖ Or, *Kushaiah,* Chap. 15. 17.
t Levit. 1. 9.
u Exod. 30. 7.
x Josh. 21.

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in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites; for theirs was the lot.

y Joshua 21. 11.

55 y And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

z Joshua 14. 15. & 15. 13.

56 z But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

a Joshua 21. 13.

57 And a to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir and Eshtemoa with their suburbs,

|| Or, *Holon*, Josh. 21. 15.

58 And || Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,

|| Or, *Ain*, Josh. 21. 16.

59 And || Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs:

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and || Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

|| Or, *Almon*, Josh. 21. 18.

61 And unto the sons of Kohath, b *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half-tribe, *namely, out of* the half-*tribe* of Manasseh, c by lot, ten cities.

b Verse 66.

c Josh. 21. 5.

62 And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, d twelve cities.

d Josh. 21. 7, 34.

64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites *these* cities with their suburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are called by *their* names.

e Verse 61.

66 And e *the residue* of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

f Joshua 21. 21.

67 f And they gave unto them, *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; *they gave* also Gezer with her suburbs,

g See Joshua 21. 22—35, where many of these cities have other names.

68 And g Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs,

69 And Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs:

70 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath.

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71 Unto the sons of Gershom *were given*, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:

72 And out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,

75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given*, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs:

78 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them*, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs,

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs:

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The sons of Issachar*, 6 *of Benjamin*, 13 *of Naphtali*, 14 *of Manasseh*, 20, 24 *and of Ephraim.*

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NOW the sons of Issachar *were* a Tola, and || Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

a Genes. 46. 13. Numb. 26. 23.

|| *Phuva*, Job.

2 And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; b whose number *was*, in the days of David, two and twenty thousand and six hundred.

b 2 Sam. 24. 1, 2. Chap. 27.

3 And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand *men*: for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their brethren, among all the families of Issachar, *were* valiant men

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of might, reckoned in all, by their genealogies, fourscore and seven thousand.

6 ¶ *The sons* of [c]Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

8 And the sons of Becher; Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred.

10 The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

11 All these the sons of Jediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battle.

12 [d]Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of || Ir, *and* Hushim, the sons of || Aher.

13 ¶ The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and [e]Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare; (*but* his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir, the father of Gilead:

15 And Machir took to wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah;) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem.

17 And the sons of Ulam; [f]Bedan. These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and [g]Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the sons of Shemidah were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And [h]the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son,

21 And Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

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22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 ¶ And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-sherah.)

25 And Rephah *was* his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son,

26 Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

27 ||Non his son, Jehoshua his son.

28 ¶ And their possessions and habitations *were* Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward [i]Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the †towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto || Gaza and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of [k]Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, [l]Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 ¶ [m]The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and [n]Shomer, and Hotham, and Shuah their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath: these *are* the children of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of [o]Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sons of his brother Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zopha; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour,

c Genes. 46. 21. Numb. 26. 38. Chap. 8. 1, *&c.*

d Numb. 26. 39. *Shupham*, and *Hupham.*

|| Or, *Iri*, Verse 7.

|| Or, *Ahiram*, Numb. 26. 38.

e Genes. 46. 24. *Shillem.*

f 1 Sam. 12. 11.

g Numb. 26. 30. *Jezer.*

h Numb. 26. 35.

|| Or, *Nun*, Numb. 13. 8, 16.

i Josh. 16. 7. *Naarath.*

† Heb. *daughters.*

|| Or, *Azaa*, 1 Mac. 7. 45.

k Joshua 17. 7.

l Joshua 17. 11.

m Genes. 46. 17. Numb. 26. 44.

n Verse 34. *Shamer.*

o Verse 32. *Shomer.*

chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war, *and* to battle, *was* twenty and six thousand men.

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CHAP. VIII.

1 *The sons and chief men of Benjamin.*
33 *The stock of Saul and Jonathan.*

NOW Benjamin begat [a] Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

1400, &c.

a Genes. 46. 21. Numb. 26. 38. Chap. 7. 6.

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And the sons of Bela were || Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

|| Or, *Ard*, Gen. 46. 21.

4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

5 And Gera, and || Shephuphan, and Huram.

|| Or, *Shupham*, Numb. 26. 39. See Chap. 7. 12.

6 And these *are* the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to [b] Manahath:

b Chap. 2. 52.

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim begat *children* in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara *were* his wives.

9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hushim he begat Ahitub, and Elpaal.

12 The sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

c Verse 21.

13 Beriah also, and [c] Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,

15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,

16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah;

17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Ishmerai also, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal;

19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of || Shimhi;

|| Or, *Shemei*, Verse 13.

22 And Ishpan, and Heber, and Eliel.

23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,

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24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,

25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;

26 And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,

27 And Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham.

28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the || father of Gibeon, (whose [d] wife's name *was* Maachah,)

|| Called *Jehiel*, Chap. 9. 35.
d Chap. 9. 35.

30 And his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and || Zacher.

|| Or, *Zechariah*, Chap. 9. 37.

32 And Mikloth begat || Shimeah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against them.

|| Or, *Shimeam*, Chap. 9. 38.

33 ¶ And [e] Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and [f] Abinadab, and || Esh-baal.

e 1 Sam. 14. 51.
f 1 Sam. 14. 49. *Ishui.*

34 And the son of Jonathan *was* || Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat [g] Micah.

|| Or, *Ish-bosheth*, 2 Sam. 2. 8.
|| Or, *Mephibosheth*, 2 Sam. 4. 4. & 9. 6, 10.

35 And the sons of Micah *were* Pithon, and Melech, and || Tarea, and Ahaz.

g 2 Sam. 9. 12.
|| Or, *Tahrea*, Chap. 9. 41.

36 And Ahaz begat [h] Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza,

h *Jarah*, Chap. 9. 42.

37 And Moza begat Binea: [i] Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:

i Chap. 9. 42. *Rephaiah.*

38 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these *were* the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother *were* Ulam his first-born, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The original of Israel and Judah's genealogies.* 27 *The charge of certain Levites.* 35 *Saul and Jonathan's stock.*

SO [a] all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they *were* written in the book of the Kings of Israel and Judah, *who* were carried

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a Ezra 2. 59.

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away to Babylon for their transgression.

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2 ¶ [b]Now the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in their cities *were* the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and [c]the Nethinims.

b Ezra 2. 70. Neh. 7. 73.

c Ezra 2. 43. & 8. 20.

3 And in [d]Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh;

d Nehem. 11. 1.

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the first-born, and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men *were* chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

e Nehem. 11. 10, &c.

10 ¶ [e]And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

‖ Nehem. 11. 11. *Seraiah.*

11 And ‖ Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;

12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; † very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

† Heb. *mighty men of valour.*

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters *were* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief;

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18 (Who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward:) they *were* porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, (of the house of his father,) the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the † gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, *being* over the host of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry.

† Heb. *thresholds.*

20 And [f]Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.

f Numb. 31. 6.

21 *And* Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages; whom [g]David and Samuel [h]the seer † did ordain in their ‖ set office.

g Chap. 26. 1, 2.

h 1 Sam. 9. 9.

† Heb. *founded.*

‖ Or, *trust.*

23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come [i]after seven days from time to time with them.

i 2 Kings 11. 5.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* ‖ set office, and were over the ‖ chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

‖ Or, *trust.*

‖ Or, *storehouses.*

27 ¶ And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should † bring them in and out by tale.

† Heb. *bring them in by tale, and carry them out by tale.*

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the ‖ instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

‖ Or, *vessels.*

30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made [k]the ointment of the spices.

k Exod. 30. 25.

31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, (who *was* the first-born of Shal-

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lum the Korahite,) had the ‖ set office [l] over the things that were made ‖ in the pans.

‖ Or, *trust.*

[l] 1 Levit. 2. 5. & 6. 21.

‖ Or, *on flat plates, or, slices.*

32 And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, [m] *were* over the † shew-bread, to prepare *it* every sabbath.

[m] Levit. 24. 8.

† Heb. *bread of ordering.*

33 And these *are* [n] the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for † they were employed in *that* work day and night.

[n] Chap. 6. 31. & 25. 1.

† Heb. *upon them.*

34 These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name *was* [o] Maachah:

[o] Chap. 8. 29.

36 And his first-born son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam: and they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

[p] Chap. 8. 33.

39 [p] And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah *were* Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, [q] *and Ahaz.*

[q] Chap. 8. 35.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

CHAP. X.

1 *Saul's overthrow and death:* 8 *the Philistines triumph over him:* 11 *the men of Jabesh-gilead's kindness to him and his sons.*

1056. [a] 1 Sam. 31. 1, 2.

NOW [a] the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down ‖ slain in mount Gilboa.

‖ Or, *wounded.*

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ‖ Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul.

‖ Or, *Ishui,* 1 Sam. 14. 49.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the † archers † hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

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† Heb. *shooters with bows.*

† Heb. *found him.*

4 Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and ‖ abuse me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

‖ Or, *mock me.*

5 And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 [b] And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

[b] 1 Sam. 31. 10.

11 ¶ And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 ¶ So Saul died for his transgression which he † committed against the LORD, [c] *even* against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel* of *one that had* a familiar spirit, [d] to enquire *of it;*

† Heb. *transgressed.*

[c] 1 Sam. 13. 13. & 15. 23.

[d] 1 Sam. 28. 7.

14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of † Jesse.

† Heb. *Isai.*

CHAP. XI.

1 *David made king:* 4 *he winneth the castle of Zion from the Jebusites by Joab's valour:* 10 *a catalogue of his worthies.*

1048. [a] 2 Sam. 5. 1.

THEN [a] all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

† Heb. *both yesterday and the third day.*

2 And moreover, † in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast*

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he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt ‖ [b] feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

‖ Or, *rule.*
[b] Psalm 78. 71.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and [c] they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD † by [d] Samuel.

[c] 2 Sam. 5. 3.
† Heb. *by the hand of.*
[d] 1 Sam. 16. 1, 12.

4 ¶ And David and all Israel [e] went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus, [f] where the Jebusites *were,* the inhabitants of the land.

[e] 2 Sam. 5. 6.
[f] Judges 1. 21. & 19. 10.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of David.

6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be † chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

† Heb. *head.*

7 And David dwelt in the castle: therefore they called ‖ it, The city of David.

‖ That is, *Zion,*
2 Sam. 5. 7.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab † repaired the rest of the city.

† Heb. *revived.*

9 So David † waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

† Heb. *went in going and increasing.*

10 ¶ [g] These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ‖ strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king, according to [h] the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

[g] 2 Sam. 23. 8.
‖ Or, *held strongly with him.*
[h] 1 Sam. 16. 1, 12.

11 And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, ‖ an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred, slain *by him* at one time.

‖ Or, *son of Hachmoni.*

12 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties.

13 He was with David at ‖ Pasdammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.

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‖ Or, *Ephesdammim,*
1 Sam. 17. 1.

14 And they ‖ set themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great ‖ deliverance.

‖ Or, *stood.*
‖ Or, *salvation.*

15 ¶ Now ‖ three of the thirty captains [i] went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and

‖ Or, *three captains over the thirty.*
[i] 2 Sam. 23. 13.

the host of the Philistines encamped [k] in the valley of Rephaim.

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[k] Chap. 14. 9.

16 And David *was* then in the hold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it,* and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD,

19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men † that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it: therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

† Heb. *with their lives.*

20 ¶ [l] And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew *them,* and had a name among the three.

[l] 2 Sam. 23. 18, &c.

21 [m] Of the three he was more honourable than the two, for he was their captain; howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

[m] 2 Sam. 23. 19, &c.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts; [n] he slew two lion-like men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

† Heb. *great of deeds.*
[n] 2 Sam. 23. 20.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, † a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

† Heb. *a man of measure.*

24 These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

26 ¶ Also the valiant men of the armies *were* [o] Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

[o] 2 Sam. 23. 24.

27 ‖ Shammoth the ‖ Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

‖ Or, *Shammah.*
‖ Or, *Harodite,* 2 Sam. 23. 25.

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite,

29 ‖ Sibbecai the Hushathite, ‖ Ilai the Ahohite,

‖ Or, *Mebunnai.*
‖ Or, *Zalmon.*

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30 Maharai the Netophathite, ||Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

|| Or, *Heleb.*

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

|| Or, *Hiddai.*

32 ||Hurai of the brooks of Gaash,

|| Or, *Abi-albon.*

|| Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

|| Or, *Jashen.*

34 The sons of ||Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite,

|| Or, *Sharar.*

35 Ahiam the son of ||Sacar the Hararite, || Eliphal the son of || Ur,

|| Or, *Eliphelet.*

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

|| Or, *Ahasbai.*

37 ||Hezro the Carmelite, ||Naarai the son of Ezbai,

|| Or, *Hezrai.*

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar ||the son of Haggeri,

|| Or, *Paarai the Arbite.*

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

|| Or, *the Haggerite.*

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of Hothan the Aroerite,

|| Or, *Shimrite.*

45 Jediael the ||son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The companies that came to David at Ziklag:* 23 *the armies that came to him at Hebron.*

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NOW [a] these *are* they that came to David to [b] Ziklag, † while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

a 1 Sam. 27. 2.

b 1 Sam. 27. 6.

† Heb. being *yet shut up.*

2 *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and [c] the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

c Judges 20. 16.

3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of ||Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachiah, and Jehu the Antothite,

|| Or, *Hasmaah.*

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite,

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5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jesiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David, into the hold to the wilderness, men of might, *and* men † of war, *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* [d] † as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

† Heb. *of the host.*

d 2 Sam. 2. 18.

† Heb. *as the roes upon the mountains to make haste.*

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: ||one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand.

|| Or, *one that was least could resist an hundred, and the greatest a thousand.*

15 These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had † overflown all his [e] banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east and toward the west.

† Heb. *filled over.*

e Joshua 3. 15.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out † to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall † be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no ||wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon,* and rebuke *it.*

† Heb. *before them.*

† Heb. *be one.*

|| Or, *violence.*

18 Then † the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said,* Thine *are we,* David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: Peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

† Heb. *the spirit clothed Amasai:* So Judges 6. 34.

19 And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, [f] when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but they helped them not; for the lords of the Philistines, upon advisement,

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f 1 Sam. 29. 2.

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sent him away, saying, [g] He will fall to his master Saul †to *the jeopardy of* our heads.

g 1 Sam. 29. 4.

† Heb. *on our heads.*

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

‖ Or, *with a band.*

21 And they helped David ‖against [h] the band *of the rovers;* for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.

h 1 Sam. 30. 1, 9, 10.

22 For at *that* time, day by day, there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.

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23 ¶ And these *are* the numbers of the ‖ †bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* [i] came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, [k] according to the word of the LORD.

‖ Or, *captains,* or, *men.*

† Heb. *heads.*

i 2 Sam. 2. 3, 4. & 5. 1.

k 1 Sam. 16. 1, 3.

24 The children of Judah, that bare shield and spear, *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready ‖ armed to the war.

‖ Or, *prepared.*

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.

27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred:

28 And [l] Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.

l 2 Sam. 8. 17.

29 And of the children of Benjamin, the †kindred of Saul, three thousand; for hitherto † [m] the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.

† Heb. *brethren.*

† Heb. *a multitude of them.*

m 2 Sam. 2. 8, 9.

30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, †famous throughout the house of their fathers.

† Heb. *men of names.*

31 And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Issachar, [n] *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.

n Esther 1. 13.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, ‖ expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could ‖ keep rank: *they were* †not of double heart.

‖ Or, *rangers of battle,* or, *ranged in battle.*

‖ Or, *set the battle in array.*

† Heb. *without a heart and a heart.*

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them, with shield and spear, thirty and seven thousand.

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35 And of the Danites, expert in war, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, ‖ expert in war, forty thousand.

‖ Or, *keeping their rank.*

37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* ‖ meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly; for *there was* joy in Israel.

‖ Or, *victual of meat.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 *David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim.* 9 *Uzza being smitten, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.*

AND David consulted with captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader. 1043.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, †let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* †in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

† Heb. *let us break forth* and *send.*

† Heb. *in the cities of their suburbs.*

3 And let us †bring again the ark of our God to us; for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

† Heb. *bring about.*

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So [a] David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God [b] from Kirjath-jearim.

a 1 Sam. 7. 1. 2 Sam. 6. 1.

b 1 Sam. 6. 21. & 7. 1.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to [c] Baalah, *that is,* to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD,

c Josh. 15. 9, 60.

that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*.

7 And they † carried the ark of God [d] in a new cart [e] out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

8 [f] And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with † singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshing-floor of || Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen † stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, [g] because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called || Perez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David † brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 [h] And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed [i] the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Hiram's kindness to David:* 2 *David's felicity in his people, wives, and children:* 8 *his two victories.*

NOW [a] Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

2 ¶ And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel; for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 ¶ And David took † more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now [b] these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Elishama, and || Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

8 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that [c] David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard *of it*, and went out against them.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves [d] in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place || Baal-perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burnt with fire.

13 [e] And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, [f] and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 *David bringeth the ark from Obed-edom:* 25 *he performeth it with great joy:* 29 *Michal in heart despiseth him.*

AND *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, [a] and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, † None ought to carry [b] the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

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† Heb. *made the ark to ride.*

d See Numb. 4. 15. Chap. 15. 2, 13.

e 1 Sam. 7. 1.

f 2 Sam. 6. 5.

† Heb. *songs.*

|| Called *Nachon*, 2 Sam. 6. 6.

† Heb. *shook it.*

g Numb. 4. 15. Chap. 15. 13, 15.

|| That is, *The breach of Uzza.*

† Heb. *removed.*

h 2 Sam. 6. 11.

i As Chap. 26. 5.

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a 2 Sam. 5. 11, &c.

† Heb. *yet.*

b Chap. 3. 5.

|| Or, *Eliada*, 2 Sam. 5. 16.

c 2 Sam. 5. 17.

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d Chap. 11. 15.

|| That is, *A place of breaches.*

e 2 Sam. 5. 22.

f 2 Sam. 5. 23.

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a Chap. 16. 1.

† Heb. *It is not to carry the ark of God, but for the Levites.*

b Numb. 4. 2, 15. Deut. 31. 9.

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5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his ‖ brethren an hundred and twenty.

‖ Or, *kinsmen.*

6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty.

c Exod. 6. 22.

8 Of the sons of [c] Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred.

d Exod. 6. 18.

9 Of the sons of [d] Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore.

10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.

e 2 Sam. 6. 3. chap. 13. 7. f Chap. 13. 10, 11.

13 For [e] because ye *did it* not at the first, [f] the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders, with the staves thereon, as [g] Moses commanded, according to the word of the LORD.

g Exod. 25. 14. Numb. 4. 15. & 7. 9.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites, to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

h Chap. 6. 33. i Chap. 6. 39. k Chap. 6. 44.

17 So the Levites appointed [h] Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, [i] Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, [k] Ethan the son of Kushaiah:

18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;

‖ Verse 18. *Jaaziel.*

20 And Zechariah, and ‖ Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries [l] on Alamoth;

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21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps ‖ on the Sheminith to excel.

l Psalm 46. title.

‖ Or, *on the eighth to oversee,* Psalm 6. title.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, ‖ *was* † song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful.

‖ Or, was *for the carriage: he instructed about the carriage.*

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

† Heb. *lifting up.*

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, [m] did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

m Numb. 10. 8.

25 ¶ So [n] David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

n 2 Sam. 6. 12, 13, &c.

26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the ‖ song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.

‖ Or, *carriage.*

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, [o] *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal, the daughter of Saul, looking out at a window, saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

o 2 Sam. 6. 16.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *David's festival sacrifice:* 4 *he ordereth a choir to sing thanksgiving:* 7 *the psalm of thanksgiving.*

SO [a] they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-sacrifices and peace-offerings before God.

a 2 Sam. 6. 17.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon *of wine.*

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4 ¶ And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel;

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom; and Jeiel † with psalteries and with harps: but Asaph made a sound with cymbals;

† Heb. *with instruments of psalteries and harps.*

6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day David delivered [b] first *this psalm*, to thank the LORD, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

b See 2 Sam. 23. 1.

8 [c] Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

c Psalm 105. 1.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations;

d Genes. 17. 2. & 26. 3. & 28. 13. & 35. 11.

16 *Even of the* [d] *covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,

† Heb. *the cord.*

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, † the lot of your inheritance;

† Heb. *men of number.*

19 When ye were but † few, [e] even a few, and strangers in it.

e Genes. 34. 30.

20 And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people,

f Genes. 12. 17. & 20. 3. Exod. 7. 15.

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, he [f] reproved kings for their sakes,

g Psalm 105. 15.

22 *Saying*, [g] Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

h Psalm 96. 1.

23 [h] Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

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24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods.

i Levit. 19. 4.

26 For all the gods [i] of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence; strength and gladness *are* in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that *is* therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

k Psalm 106. 1. & 107. 1. & 118. 1. & 136. 1.

34 [k] O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

l Psalm 106. 47, 48.

35 [l] And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise.

m Deuter. 27. 15.

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all [m] the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 ¶ So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 And Obed-edom, with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, *to be* porters:

39 And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, [n] before the tabernacle of the LORD, [o] in the high place that *was* at Gibeon,

n Chap. 21. 29. 2 Chron. 1. 5.

o 1 Kings 3. 4.

40 To offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually [p] † morning and evening, and *to do* according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel:

p Exod. 29. 38. Numb. 28. 3.

† Heb. *in the morning and in the evening.*

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41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, [q] because his mercy *endureth* for ever:

q 2 Chron. 5. 13. & 7. 3. Ezra 3. 11. Jer. 33. 11.

42 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, with trumpets and cymbals, for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* †porters.

† Heb. *for the gate.*

r 2 Sam. 6. 19, 20.

43 [r] And all the people departed, every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *David, forbidden to build God an house,* 11 *is promised blessings in his seed:* 16 *his prayer and thanksgiving.*

a 2 Sam. 7. 1, &c.

NOW [a] it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains.

2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is* with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but †have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another.*

† Heb. *have been.*

6 Wheresoever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, *even* †from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel;

† Heb. *from after.*

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth:

9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel: moreover, I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee, that the LORD will build thee an house.

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11 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for ever.

13 [b] I will be his father, and he shall be my son; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee:

b 2 Sam. 7. 14.

14 But [c] I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever; and his throne shall be established for evermore.

c Luke 1. 33.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 ¶ And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

17 And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What can David *speak* more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.

19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all *these* †great things.

† Heb. *greatnesses.*

20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

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24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house of David thy servant *be* established before thee.

† Heb. *hast revealed the ear of thy servant.*

25 For thou, O my God, †hast told thy servant, that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

‖ Or, *it hath pleased thee.*

27 Now therefore ‖let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and *it shall be* blessed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *David subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites:* 3 *he smiteth Hadarezer and the Syrians.*

cir. 1040. a 2 Sam. 8. 1, &c.

NOW after this [a] it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

‖ Or, *Hadadezer,* 2 Sam. 8. 3.

3 ¶ And David smote ‖Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot-*horses*, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

5 And when the Syrians of †Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

‖ Called in the book of Samuel, *Betah and Berothai.*

8 Likewise from ‖Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much brass, wherewith [b] Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

b 1 Kings 7. 15, 23. 2 Chron. 4. 15.

‖ Or, *Toi,* 2 Sam. 8. 9.

9 ¶ Now when ‖Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah,

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10 He sent ‖Hadoram his son to king David, ‖to enquire of his welfare, and †to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer †had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold, and silver, and brass.

‖ Or, *Joram,* 2 Sam. 8.10.

‖ Or, *to salute.*

† Heb. *to bless.*

† Heb. *was the man of wars.*

11 Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all *these* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover †Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites in the valley of Salt eighteen thousand.

† Heb. *Abshai.*

13 ¶ And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud ‖recorder;

‖ Or, *remembrancer.*

16 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and ‖Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and ‖Shavsha *was* scribe;

‖ Called *Ahimelech,* 2 Sam. 8.17.

‖ Called *Seraiah,* 2 Sam. 8.17. and *Shisha,* 1 Kings 4. 3.

17 [c] And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were* chief †about the king.

c 2 Sam. 8. 18.

† Heb. *at the hand of the king.*

CHAP. XIX.

1 *David's messengers sent to comfort Hanun, are shamefully entreated.* 6 *The Ammonites are overcome.*

cir. 1037. a 2 Sam. 10. 1, &c.

NOW [a] it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, †Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

† Heb. *In thine eyes doth David,* &c.

4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst, hard

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by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served: and he sent to meet them; (for the men were greatly ashamed:) and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves †odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, [b] and out of Zobah.

† Heb. *to stink.*

b Chap. 18. 5, 9.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

† Heb. *the face of the battle was.*

10 Now when Joab saw that †the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the ‖ choice of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians.

‖ Or, *young men.*

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of †Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in array against the children of Ammon.

† Heb. *Abshai.*

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God; and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

14 So Joab, and the people that *were* with him, drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

cir. 1036.

16 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the ‖ river; and ‖ Shophach, the captain of the host of Hadarezer, *went* before them.

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‖ That is, *Euphrates.*

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battle* in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

‖ Or, *Shobach.* 2 Sam. 10. 16.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought in* chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Rabbah is besieged by Joab, spoiled by David, and the people tortured.*
4 *Three overthrows of the Philistines.*

AND [a] it came to pass, that †after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah; (but David tarried at Jerusalem:) and Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

cir. 1035. a 2 Sam. 11. 1.

† Heb. *at the return of the year.*

2 And David [b] took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it †to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

b 2 Sam. 12. 30.

† Heb. *the weight of.* cir. 1035.

3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes: even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, [c] that there ‖ †arose war at ‖ Gezer with the Philistines; at which time [d] Sibbechai the Hushathite slew ‖ Sippai, *that was* of the children of ‖ the giant; and they were subdued.

c 2 Sam. 21. 18. cir. 1018.

‖ Or, *continued.*

† Heb. *stood.*

‖ Or, *Gob.*

d Chap. 11. 29.

‖ Or, *Saph.* 2 Sam. 21. 18.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of ‖ Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear's staff *was* like a weaver's beam.

‖ Or, *Rapha.*

‖ Called also *Jaare-oregim*, 2 Sam. 21. 19.

6 And yet again [e] there was war at Gath, where was †a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were*

e 2 Sam. 21. 20.

† Heb. *a man of measure.*

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four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot;* and he also was † the son of the giant.

† Heb. *born to the giant*, or, *Rapha.*

7 But when he || defied Israel, Jonathan the son of || Shimea, David's brother, slew him.

|| Or, *reproached.*

|| Called *Shammah*, 1 Sam. 16. 9.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *David numbereth the people:* 5 *he repenteth,* 9 *and of three plagues chooseth the pestilence.*

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AND [a] Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

a 2 Sam. 24. 1, &c.

2 And David said to Joab, and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan; [b] and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

b Chap. 27. 23.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be:* but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab: wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

c Chap. 27. 24.

6 [c] But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

† Heb. *and it was evil in the eyes of the* LORD *concerning this thing.*

7 † And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, [d] I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: [e] but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

d 2 Sam. 24. 10.

e 2 Sam. 12. 13.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's [f] seer, saying,

f See 1 Sam. 9. 9.

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I † offer thee three *things:* choose thee one of them, that I may do *it* unto thee.

† Heb. *stretch out.*

11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Choose thee

† Heb. *Take to thee.*

12 [g] Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee;* or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

g 2 Sam. 24. 15.

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13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very || great *are* his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

|| Or, *many.*

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an [h] angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and [i] he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the thrashing-floor of || Ornan the Jebusite.

h 2 Sam. 24. 16.

i See Gen. 6. 6.

|| *Araunah*, 2 Sam. 24. 18.

16 And David lifted up his eyes, and [k] saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem: then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

k 2 Chron. 3. 1.

17 And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 ¶ Then the [l] angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the thrashing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

l 2 Chron. 3. 1.

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD.

20 || And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was thrashing wheat.

|| Or, *When Ornan turned back and saw the angel,* then he *and his four sons with him hid themselves.*

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked, and saw David, and went out of the thrashing-floor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, † Grant me the place of *this* thrashing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price; that the plague may be stayed from the people.

† Heb. *Give.*

23 And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the

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king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt-offerings, and the threshing-instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering; I give it all.

24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost.

m 2 Sam. 24. 24.

25 So [m] David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD; and [n] he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

n Lev. 9. 24. 2 Chron. 3. 1.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 ¶ At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

o Chap. 16. 39.

29 [o] For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, *were* at that season in the high place at [p] Gibeon.

p 1 Kings 3. 4. Chap. 16. 39. 2 Chron. 1. 3.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid, because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *David prepareth for the building of the temple:* 6 *he instructeth Solomon.*

a Deuter. 12. 5. 2 Sam. 24. 18. Chap. 21. 18, 19, 26, 28. 2 Chron. 3. 1.

THEN David said, [a] This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt-offering for Israel.

b 1 Kings 9. 21.

2 And David commanded to gather together [b] the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in abundance [c] without weight;

c Verse 14.

4 Also cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians, and they of Tyre, brought much cedar-wood to David.

d Chap. 29. 1.

5 And David said, [d] Solomon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. Before CHRIST 1017.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, [e] it was in my mind to build an house [f] unto the name of the LORD my God:

e 2 Sam. 7. 2. Chap. 17. 1.
f Deuter. 12. 5, 11.

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, [g] Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

g 1 Kings 5. 3. Chap. 28. 3.

9 [h] Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be ‖ Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

h Chap. 28. 5.
‖ That is, *Peaceable.*

10 [i] He shall build an house for my name; and [k] he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

i 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Kings 5. 5. Chap. 17. 12, 13.
k Hebr. 1. 5.

11 Now, my son, [l] the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

l Verse 16.

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: [m] be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.

m Deuter. 31. 7, 8. Josh. 1. 6, 7, 9.

14 Now, behold, ‖ in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron [n] without weight; (for it is in abundance;) timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

‖ Or, *in my poverty.*
n As Verse 3.

15 Moreover, *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and ‖ workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

‖ That is, *masons and carpenters.*

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore,* and be doing, and [o] the LORD be with thee.

o Verse 11.

17 ¶ David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying,*

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath given

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the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Solomon made king.* 2 *The Levites ordered.* 7 *The sons of Gershon,* 12 *Kohath,* 21 *and Merari.*

1015. SO when David was old and full of days, he made [a] Solomon his son king over Israel.

[a] 1 Kings 1. 33,...39. Chap. 28. 5.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbered cir. 1045. from the age of [b] thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.

[b] Numb. 4. 3, 47.

4 Of which, twenty and four thousand *were* ‖ to set forward the work of the house of the LORD, and six thousand *were* [c] officers and judges:

‖ Or, *to oversee.*

[c] Deuter. 16. 18.

5 Moreover, four thousand *were* porters, and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments [d] which I made, *said David,* to praise *therewith.*

[d] See 2 Chron. 29. 25. Amos 6. 5.

6 And [e] David divided them into † courses among the sons of Levi, *namely,* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

[e] Exod. 6. 16. Numb. 26. 57.

7 ¶ Of the [f] Gershonites *were* ‖ Laadan and Shimei.

[f] Chap. 6. 1, &c. 2 Chron. 8. 14. & 29. 25.

8 The sons of Laadan; the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

† Heb. *divisions.*

9 The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

[f] Chap. 26. 21.

‖ Or, *Libni,* Chap. 6. 17.

10 And the sons of Shimei *were* Jahath, ‖ Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei.

‖ Or, *Zizah,* Verse 11.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah † had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

† Heb. *did not multiply sons.*

12 ¶ [g] The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

[g] Exod. 6. 18.

13 The sons of [h] Amram; Aaron and Moses: and [i] Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, [k] to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and [l] to bless in his name for ever.

[h] Exod. 6. 20.

[i] Exod. 28. 1. Hebr. 5. 4.

[k] Deuter. 21. 5.

[l] Numb. 6. 23.

14 Now, *concerning* Moses, the man of God, [m] his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.

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15 [n] The sons of Moses *were* Gershom and Eliezer.

16 Of the sons of Gershom, [o] ‖ Shebuel *was* the chief.

17 And the sons of Eliezer *were* [p] Rehabiah ‖ the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah † were very many.

18 Of the sons of Izhar; ‖ Shelomith the chief.

19 [q] Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

21 ¶ [r] The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar and [s] Kish.

22 And Eleazar died, and [t] had no sons, but daughters; and their ‖ brethren the sons of Kish [u] took them.

23 [x] The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 ¶ These *were* the sons of [y] Levi after the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of [z] twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, ‖ that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever:

26 And also unto the Levites; they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.

27 For, by the last words of David, the Levites *were* † numbered from twenty years old and above:

28 Because † their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron, for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;

29 Both for [a] the shew-bread, and for [b] the fine flour for meat-offering, and for [c] the unleavened cakes, and for [d] *that which is baked in the* ‖ pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of [e] measure and size;

30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;

31 And to offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the LORD [f] in the sabbaths, in

[m] See Chap. 26. 23, 24, 25.

[n] Exod. 2. 22. & 18. 3, 4.

[o] Chap. 26. 24.

‖ *Shubael,* Chap. 24. 20.

[p] Chap. 26. 25.

‖ Or, *the first.*

† Heb. *were highly multiplied.*

‖ *Shelomoth,* Chap. 24. 22.

[q] Chap. 24. 23.

[r] Chap. 24. 26.

[s] Chap. 24. 20.

[t] Chap. 24. 28.

‖ Or, *kinsmen.*

[u] See Numb. 36. 6, 8.

[x] Chap. 24. 30.

[y] Numb. 10. 17, 21.

[z] Numb. 1. 3. & 4. 3. & 8. 24. Ezra 3. 8.

‖ Or, *and he dwelleth in Jerusalem,* &c. 1015.

† Heb. *numbers.*

† Heb. *their station was at the head of the sons of Aaron.*

[a] Exod. 25. 30.

[b] Lev. 6. 20.

[c] Lev. 2. 4.

[d] Lev. 2. 5, 7.

‖ Or, *flat plate.*

[e] Levit. 19. 35.

[f] Numb. 10. 10. Psalm 81. 3.

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the new-moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD;

32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and [g] the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

[g] Numb. 3. 6,---9.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *The divisions of the sons of Aaron by lot into four and twenty orders.* 20 *The Kohathites,* 27 *and the Merarites, divided by lot.*

NOW *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. [a] The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

[a] Levit. 10. 1, 6.

2 But [b] Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children; therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.

[b] Numb. 3. 4. & 26. 61.

3 And David distributed them, both Zadok, of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech, of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided: among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar, according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one † principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

† Heb. *house of the father.*

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to [c] Abijah,

[c] Nehem. 12. 4, 17. Luke 1. 5.

11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

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15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service, [d] to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

[d] Chap. 9. 25.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these:* Of the sons of Amram; [e] Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

[e] Chap. 23. 16. *Shebuel.*

21 Concerning [f] Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.

[f] Chap. 23. 17.

22 Of the Izharites; [g] Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

[g] Chap. 23. 18. *Shelomith.*

23 And the sons *of* [h] *Hebron;* Jeriah *the first,* Amariah the second, Jehaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

[h] Chap. 23. 19. & 26. 31.

24 *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.

26 [i] The sons of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

[i] Exod. 6. 19. Chap. 23. 21.

27 ¶ The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, [k] who had no sons.

[k] Chap. 23. 22.

29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel.

30 [l] The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites, after the house of their fathers.

[l] Chap. 23. 23.

31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The number and offices of the singers:* 8 *their division, by lot, into four and twenty orders.*

MOREOVER David, and the captains of the host, separated to the service of the sons of [a] Asaph, and

[a] Chap. 6. 33, 39, 44.

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of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen, according to their service, was;

2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and ‖ Asarelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied † according to the order of the king.

‖ Otherwise called *Jesharelah*, Verse 14.

† Heb. *by the hands of the king*: So Verse 6.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ‖ Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ‖ six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

‖ Or, *Izri*, Verse 11.

4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ‖ Uzziel, ‖ Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:

‖ With Shimei mentioned Verse 17.

‖ Or, *Azareel*, Verse 18.

‖ Or, *Shubael*, Verse 20.

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the ‖ words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

‖ Or, *matters*.

6 All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, [b] † according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

b Verse 2.

† Heb. *by the hands of the king*.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, *was* two hundred fourscore and eight.

8 ¶ And they cast lots, ward against *ward*, as well the small as the great, [c] the teacher as the scholar.

c 2 Chron. 23. 13.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah, who, with his brethren and sons, *were* twelve:

10 The third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

11 The fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

13 The sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

14 The seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

15 The eighth to Jeshaiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

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18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

24 The seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he*, his sons and his brethren, *were* twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The divisions of the porters.* 13 *The gates assigned by lot.* 20 *The Levites that had the charge of the treasures.*

CONCERNING the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites *was* ‖ Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of ‖ Asaph.

‖ Or, *Shelemiah*, Verse 14.

2 And the sons of Meshelemiah *were* Zechariah the first-born, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

‖ Or, *Ebiasaph*, Chap. 6. 37. & 9. 19.

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh.

4 Moreover, the sons of Obed-edom *were* Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed ‖ him.

‖ That is, Obed-edom, as Chap. 13. 14.

6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father; for they *were* mighty men of valour.

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7 The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, (whose brethren *were* strong men,) Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these of the sons of Obed-edom: they, and their sons, and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

a Chap. 16. 38.

10 Also [a] Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief,)

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah *were* thirteen.

12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *as well for the small as for the great.*

13 ¶ And they cast lots, || as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

|| Called *Meshelemiah*, Verse 1.

14 And the lot eastward fell to || Shelemiah: then for Zechariah his son (a wise counsellor) they cast lots, and his lot came out northward.

† Heb. *gatherings.*

15 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of † Asuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came forth* westward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going || up, ward against ward.

|| See 1 Kings 10. 5. 2 Chron. 9. 4.

17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two.

18 At Parbar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Parbar.

19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

b Chap. 28. 12. Mal. 3. 10.

20 ¶ And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* [b] over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the

† Heb. *holy things.*

† dedicated things.

|| Or, *Libni*, Chap. 6. 17.

21 *As concerning* the sons of || Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the

|| Or, *Jehiel*, Chap. 23. 8. & 29. 8.

Gershonite, *were* || Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites:

c Chap. 23. 16.

24 And Shebuel [c] the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

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25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and [d] Shelomith his son:

d Chap. 23. 18.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

† Heb. *Out of the battles and spoils.*

27 † Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

e 1 Sam. 9. 9.

28 And all that Samuel [e] the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing, it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for [f] officers and judges.

f Chap. 23. 4.

30 *And* of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were*

† Heb. *over the charge.*

† officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward, in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

g Chap. 23. 19.

31 Among the Hebronites *was* [g] Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour

h See Josh. 21. 39.

[h] at Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and † [i] affairs of the king.

† Heb. *things.*

i 2 Chron. 19. 11.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The twelve captains for every several month.* 16 *The princes of the twelve tribes.*

NOW the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course, for the first month, *was* [a] Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

a 2 Sam. 23. 8. Chap. 11. 11.

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3 Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month *was* || Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand.

|| Or, *Dodo*, 2 Sam. 23. 9.

5 The third captain of the host, for the third month, *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a || chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

|| Or, *principal officer.*

6 This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* [b] mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Ammizabad his son.

b 2 Sam. 23. 20, 22, 23. Chap. 11. 22, &c.

7 The fourth *captain*, for the fourth month, *was* [c] Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

c 2 Sam. 23. 24. Chap. 11. 26.

8 The fifth *captain*, for the fifth month, *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth *captain*, for the sixth month, *was* [d] Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

d Chap. 11. 28.

10 The seventh *captain*, for the seventh month, *was* [e] Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

e Chap. 11. 27.

11 The eighth *captain*, for the eighth month, *was* [f] Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

f 2 Sam. 21. 18.

12 The ninth *captain*, for the ninth month, *was* [g] Abiezer the Anethothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

g Chap. 11. 28.

13 The tenth *captain*, for the tenth month, *was* [h] Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

h 2 Sam. 23. 28.

14 The eleventh *captain*, for the eleventh month, *was* [i] Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

i Chap. 11. 31.

15 The twelfth *captain*, for the twelfth month, *was* || Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

|| Or, *Heled*, Chap. 11. 30.

16 ¶ Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel; the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites; Shephatiah the son of Maachah:

17 Of the Levites; [k] Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites; Zadok:

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k Chap. 26. 30.

18 Of Judah; [l] Elihu, *one* of the brethren of David: of Issachar; Omri the son of Michael:

l 1 Sam. 16. 6. *Eliab.*

19 Of Zebulun; Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali; Jerimoth the son of Azriel:

20 Of the children of Ephraim; Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh; Joel the son of Pedaiah:

21 Of the half-*tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead; Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin; Jaaziel the son of Abner.

22 Of Dan; Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 ¶ But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under; because [m] the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens.

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m Gen. 15. 5.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but he finished not, because [n] there fell wrath for it against Israel; neither † was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

n 2 Sam. 24. 15. Chap. 21. 7.

† Heb. *ascended.*

25 ¶ And over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uzziah:

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26 And over them that did the work of the field, for tillage of the ground, *was* Ezri the son of Chelub:

27 And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: † over the increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite:

† Heb. *over that which* was *of the vineyards.*

28 And over the olive-trees and the sycamore-trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Joash:

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds *that were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai:

30 Over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite:

31 And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a ||scribe:

|| Or, *secretary.*

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and Jehiel the || son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's sons:

|| Or, *Hachmonite.*

33 And [o] Ahithophel *was* the king's counsellor: and [p] Hushai the Archite *was* the king's companion:

o 2 Sam. 15. 12.

34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the king's army *was* [q] Joab.

p 2 Sam. 15. 37. & 16. 16.

q Chap. 11. 6.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *David exhorteth to fear God:* 9, 20 *he encourageth Solomon to build.*

AND David assembled all the princes of Israel, [a] the princes of the tribes, and the [b] captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and [c] the stewards over all the substance and || possession of the king, || and of his sons, with the || officers, and with [d] the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

a Chap. 27. 16.

b Chap. 27. 1, 2.

c Chap. 27. 25.

|| Or, *cattle.*

|| Or, *and his sons.*

|| Or, *eunuchs.*

d Chap. 11. 10.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me,* [e] I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for [f] the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

e 2 Sam. 7. 2.

f Ps. 99. 5. & 132. 7.

3 But God said unto me, [g] Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed † blood.

g 2 Sam. 7. 5, 13. 1 Kings 5. 3. Chap. 22. 8.

† Heb. *bloods.*

4 Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen [h] Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the house of Judah [i] the house of my father; and [k] among the sons of my father he liked me, to make *me* king over all Israel:

h Genes. 49. 8. 1 Sam. 16. 13. Chap. 5. 2. Psal. 60. 7. & 78. 68.

i 1 Sam. 16. 1.

k 1 Sam. 16. 12.

5 [l] And of all my sons (for the LORD hath given me many sons) [m] he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

l Chap. 23. 1.

m Chap. 22. 9.

6 And he said unto me, [n] Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father.

n 2 Sam. 7. 13, 14. 2 Chron. 1. 9.

7 Moreover, I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be † constant to do my commandments, and my judgments, as at this day.

† Heb. *strong.*

8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God; that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

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9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for [o] the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

o 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Kings 8. 39. Chap. 29. 17. Psalm 7. 9. & 139. 2. Prov. 17. 3. Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. & 20. 12. Rev. 2. 23.

10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it.*

11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his son [p] the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy-seat,

p See Exod. 25. 40. Verse 19.

12 And the pattern † of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, [q] of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:

† Heb. *of all that was with him.*

q Chap. 26. 20.

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

14 *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; *silver also* for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service:

15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof; and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, *both* for the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of shew-bread, for every table; and *likewise* silver for the tables of silver:

17 Also pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every bason; and *likewise silver* by weight for every bason of silver:

18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the [r] cherubims, that spread out *their wings,* and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

r 1 Sam. 4. 4. 1 Kings 6. 23, &c.

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19 All *this, said David,* [s] the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

[s] See Exod. 25. 40.

20 ¶ And David said to Solomon his son, [t] Be strong, and of good courage, and do *it:* fear not, nor be dismayed; for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; [u] he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

[t] Deuter. 31. 7, 8. Josh. 1. 6, 7, 9. Chap. 22. 13.

[u] Josh. 1. 5.

21 And, behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the house of God: and *there shall be* with thee, for all manner of workmanship, [x] every willing skilful man, for any manner of service; also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

[x] Exod. 35. 25, 26. & 36. 1, 2.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *David, by his example, causeth the princes and people to offer:* 10 *his thanksgiving:* 26 *his reign and death.*

FURTHERMORE, David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* [a] young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.

[a] 1 Kings 3. 7. Chap. 22. 5. Prov. 4. 3.

2 Now, I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God, the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; [b] onyx-stones, and *stones* to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble-stones in abundance.

[b] See Isaiah 54. 11, 12. Revel. 21. 18, &c.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of [c] Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal:*

[c] 1 Kings 9. 28.

5 The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing †to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

† Heb. *to fill his hand.*

6 ¶ Then the chief of the fathers, and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with [d] the rulers over the king's work, offered willingly,

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7 And gave, for the service of the house of God, of gold, five thousand talents and ten thousand drams; and of silver, ten thousand talents; and of brass, eighteen thousand talents; and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

[d] Chap. 27. 25, &c.

8 And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of [e] Jehiel the Gershonite.

[e] Chap. 26. 21.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD; and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 ¶ Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 [f] Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine;* thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

[f] Mat. 6. 13. 1 Tim. 1. 17. Rev. 5. 13.

12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should †be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and †of thine own have we given thee.

† Heb. *retain, or, obtain strength.* † Heb. *of thine hand.*

15 For [g] we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: [h] our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none †abiding.

[g] Psalm 39. 12. Hebr. 11. 13. 1 Pet. 2. 11.

[h] Psalms 90. 9. & 102. 11. & 144. 4.

† Heb. *expectation.*

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared, to build thee an house for thine holy name, *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou [i] triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are ‖present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

[i] 1 Sam. 16. 7. Chap. 28. 9.

‖ or, *found.*

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the

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thoughts of the heart of thy people, and ‖ prepare their heart unto thee:

‖ Or, *stablish.*

19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things,* and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel;

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness: and they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and

k 1 Kings 1. 35, 39.

k anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

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24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, l † submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

l 1 Eccles. 8. 2.

† Heb. *gave the hand under Solomon:* See Genes. 24. 2. & 47. 29. Ezek. 17. 18.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and m bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

m 1 Kings 3. 13. 2 Chron. 1. 12. Eccles. 2. 9.

26 ¶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 n And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; o seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem.

n 2 Sam. 5. 4. 1 Kings 2. 11.

o 2 Sam. 5. 5.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour; and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ † book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

‖ Or, *history.*

† Heb. *words.*

30 With all his reign and his might, p and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

p Dan. 2. 21.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The solemn offering of Solomon at Gibeon:* 7 *his choice of wisdom is blessed by God:* 13 *his strength and wealth.*

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AND a Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

a 1 Kings 2. 46.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at b Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses, the servant of the LORD, had made in the wilderness.

b 1 Kings 3. 4. 1 Chron. 16. 39. & 21. 29.

4 c But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

c 2 Sam. 6. 2, 17. 1 Chron. 15. 1.

5 Moreover, d the brasen altar, that e Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ‖ he put before the tabernacle of the LORD; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

d Exod. 27. 1, 2. & 38. 1.

e Exod. 31. 2.

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‖ Or, was *there.*

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 ¶ In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me f to reign in his stead.

f 1 Chron. 28. 5.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: g for thou hast made me king over a people † like the dust of the earth in multitude.

g 1 Kings 3. 7.

† Heb. *much as the dust of the earth.*

10 h Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may i go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is so* great?

h 1 Kings 3. 9.

i Numb. 27. 17.

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine ene-

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mies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king;

12 Wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as [k] none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

k 1 Chron. 29. 25. Chap. 9. 22. Eccles. 2. 9.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

14 [l] And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

l 1 Kings 4. 26. & 10. 26, &c. Chap. 9. 25.

15 [m] And the king † made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

m 1 Kings 10. 27. Chap. 9. 27. Job 22. 24. † Heb. *gave.*

16 [n] And † Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

n 1 Kings 10. 28. Chap. 9. 28. † Heb. *the going forth of the horses which was Solomon's.*

17 And they fetched up and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, † by their means.

† Heb. *by their hand.*

CHAP. II.

1, 17 *Solomon's labourers for the building of the temple:* 3 *his embassage to Huram for workmen and provision of stuff:* 12 *Huram sendeth him a kind answer.*

AND Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

2 And [a] Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

a 1 Kings 5. 15. Verse 18.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to || Huram the king of Tyre, saying, [b] As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

|| Or, *Hiram,* 1 Kings 5. 1. b 1 Chron. 14. 1.

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him † sweet incense, and for the continual shew-bread, and for [c] the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new-moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

† Heb. *incense of spices.*

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c Numb. 28. 3, 9, 11.

5 And the house which I build *is* great; for great *is* our God above all gods.

6 [d] But who † is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?

d 1 Kings 8. 27. Chap. 6. 18. † Heb. *hath retained,* or, *obtained strength.*

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill † to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.

† Heb. *to grave gravings.*

8 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees, and || algum-trees, out of Lebanon; (for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon;) and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,

|| Or, *almuggim,* 1 Kings 10. 11.

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build *shall be* † wonderful great.

† Heb. *great and wonderful.*

10 [e] And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

e 1 Kings 5. 11.

11 ¶ Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Huram said moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, [f] that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, † endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

f Genes. 1. & 2. Psalms 33. 6. & 102. 25. & 124. 8. & 136. 5, 6. Acts 4. 24. & 14. 15. Rev. 10. 6. † Heb. *knowing prudence and understanding.*

13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Huram my father's;

14 [g] The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to

g 1 Kings 7. 13, 14.

find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which [h] my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, † as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to † Joppa, and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

17 ¶ [i] And Solomon numbered all † the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith [k] David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand, and three thousand and six hundred.

18 And he set [l] threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

CHAP. III.

1 *The place and time of building the temple.* 3 *The measure and ornaments of the house.*

THEN [a] Solomon began to build the house of the LORD [b] at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, || where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the thrashing-floor of [c] || Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now these *are the things* [d] *wherein* Solomon was † instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the [e] porch that *was* in the front *of the house*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he ceiled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains.

6 And he † garnished the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 [f] And in the most holy house he made two cherubims || of image-work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 ¶ And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long; one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And *one* wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* || inward.

14 ¶ And he made the [g] vail *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and † wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Also he made before the house [h] two pillars of thirty and five cubits † high, and the chapiter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made [i] an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

17 And he [k] reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand || Jachin, and the name of that on the left || Boaz.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The altar of brass.* 2 *The molten sea.* 6 *The ten lavers, candlesticks, and tables.* 19 *The vessels, furniture, and instruments of gold.*

MOREOVER, he made [a] an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ [b] Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits † from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

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h Verse 10.

† Heb. *according to all thy need.*

† Heb. *Japho.*

i As Ver. 2. 1 Kings 5. 13, 15, 16. & 9. 20.

† Heb. *the men the strangers.*

k 1 Chron. 22. 2.

l As it is Verse 2.

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a 1 Kings 6. 1, &c.

b Genes. 22. 2.

‖ Or, *which was seen of David his father.*

c 1 Chron. 21. 18. & 22. 1.

‖ Or, *Araunah*, 2 Sam. 24. 18.

d 1 Kings 6. 2.

† Heb. *founded.*

e 1 Kings. 6. 3.

† Heb. *covered.*

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f 1 Kings 6. 23.

‖ Or, (as some think) *of moveable work.*

‖ Or, *toward the house.*

g Matth. 27. 51.

† Heb. *caused to ascend.*

h 1 Kings 7. 15---21. Jer. 52. 21.

† Heb. *long.*

i 1 Kings 7. 20.

k 1 Kings 7. 21.

‖ That is, *He shall establish.*

‖ That is, *In it is strength.*

a Ezekiel 43. 13, 16.

b 1 Kings 7. 23.

† Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

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3 [c]And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.

[c] 1 Kings 7. 24.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

5 And the thickness of it *was* an handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, || with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

|| Or, *like a lily flower.*

6 ¶ He made also [d]ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: † such things as they offered for the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

[d] 1 Kings 7. 38.

† Heb. *the work of burnt-offering.*

7 [e]And he made ten candlesticks of gold, [f]according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

[e] 1 Kings 7. 49.
[f] Exod. 25. 31, 40. 1 Chron. 28. 12, 19.

8 [g]He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left: and he made an hundred || basons of gold.

[g] 1 Kings 7. 48.
|| Or, *bowls.*

9 ¶ Furthermore, [h]he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

[h] 1 Kings 6. 36.

10 And [i]he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

[i] 1 Kings 7. 39.

11 ¶ And [k]Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the || basons. And Huram † finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

[k] See 1 Kings 7. 40.
|| Or, *bowls.*
† Heb. *finished to make.*

12 *To wit,* the two pillars, and [l]the pommels, and the chapiters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* on the top of the pillars;

[l] 1 Kings 7. 41.

13 And [m]four hundred pomegranates on the two wreathes; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* † upon the pillars.

[m] See 1 Kings 7. 20.
† Heb. *upon the face.*

14 He made also [n]bases, and || lavers made he upon the bases;

[n] 1 Kings 7. 27.
|| Or, *caldrons.*

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it.

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did [o]Huram his father make to king Solomon, for the house of the LORD, of † bright brass.

[o] 1 Kings 7. 14.

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17 [p]In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the † clay ground between Succoth and Zeredathah.

† Heb. *made bright,* or, *scoured.*
[p] 1 Kings 7. 46.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

† Heb. *thicknesses of the ground.*

19 ¶ And [q]Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon [r]the shew-bread *was set;*

[q] 1 Kings 7. 48.
[r] Exod. 25. 30.

20 Moreover, the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn [s]after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

[s] Exod. 27. 20, 21.

21 And [t]the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of* gold, *and* that † perfect gold;

[t] Exod. 25. 31, &c.
† Heb. *perfections of gold.*

22 And the snuffers, and the || basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of* pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place,* and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of* gold.

|| Or, *bowls.*

CHAP. V.

1 *The dedicated treasures.* 2 *The bringing up of the ark of the covenant.* 11 *God, being praised, giveth a visible sign of his favour.*

1005. THUS all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: [a]and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

[a] 1 Kings 7. 51.

1004. 2 ¶ [b]Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD [c]out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

[b] 1 Kings 8. 1, &c.
[c] 2 Sam. 6. 12.

3 [d]Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king [e]in the feast which *was* in the seventh month.

[d] 1 Kings 8. 2.
[e] See Chap. 7. 8, 9, 10.

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle; these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

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7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims:

8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle, but they were not seen without. And ‖ there it is unto this day.

‖ Or, *they are there*, as 1 Kings 8. 8.

10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses [f] put *therein* at Horeb, ‖ when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

[f] Deuter. 10. 2, 5. Chap. 6. 11.

‖ Or, *where.*

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place;* (for all the priests *that were* †present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:

† Heb. *found.*

12 [g] Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals, and psalteries, and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, [h] and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;)

[g] 1 Chron. 25. 1.

[h] 1 Chron. 15. 24.

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets, and cymbals, and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, [i] For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of the LORD;

[i] Psalm 136. See 1Chron. 16. 34, 41.

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: [k] for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

[k] Exod. 40. 35. Chap. 7. 2.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Solomon, having blessed the people, blesseth God:* 12 *his prayer at the consecration of the temple.*

THEN [a] said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the [b] thick darkness.

[a] 1 Kings 8. 12, &c.

[b] Levit. 16. 2.

2 But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood:)

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4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel:

6 But [c] I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and [d] have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

[c] Chap. 12. 13.

[d] 1 Chron. 28. 4.

7 Now, [e] it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel:

[e] 2 Sam. 7. 2. 1 Chron. 17. 1. & 28. 2.

8 But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son, which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel:

11 And in it have I put the ark, [f] wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Israel.

[f] Chap. 5. 10.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands,

13 (For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits †long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,)

† Heb. *the length thereof,* &c.

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, [g] *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy servants that walk before thee with all their hearts:

[g] Exod. 15. 11. Deut. 4. 39. & 7. 9.

15 [h] Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

[h] 1 Chron. 22. 9.

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16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, [i] † There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; [k] yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

18 (But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? [l] Behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!)

19 Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth ||toward this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall †make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, *even* from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

22 ¶ If a man sin against his neighbour, †and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 ¶ And if thy people Israel ||be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee ||in this house:

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them, and to their fathers.

26 ¶ When the [m] heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them:

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

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28 ¶ If there [n] be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them †in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore, or whatsoever sickness, *there be:*

29 *Then* what prayer, *or* what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore, and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands ||in this house:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only [o] knowest the hearts of the children of men:)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways †so long as they live †in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreover, concerning the stranger, [p] which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched-out arm; if they come and pray in this house:

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel; and may know that †this house, which I have built, is called by thy name.

34 ¶ If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ||cause.

36 ¶ If they sin against thee, (for *there is* [q] no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and †they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet *if* they †bethink themselves in the land whither they are

i 2 Sam. 7. 12, 16. 1 Kings 2. 4. & 6. 12.
† Heb. *There shall not a man be cut off.*
k Psalm 132. 12.
l Chap. 2. 6. Isaiah 66. 1. Acts 7. 49.
|| Or, *in this place.*
† Heb. *pray.*
† Heb. *and he require an oath of him.*
|| Or, *be smitten.*
|| Or, *toward.*
m 1 Kings 17. 1.
n Chap. 20. 9.
† Heb. *in the land of their gates.*
|| Or, *toward this house.*
o 1 Chron. 28. 9.
† Heb. *all the days which.*
† Heb. *upon the face of the land.*
p John 12. 20. Acts 8. 27.
† Heb. *thy name is called upon this house.*
|| Or, *right.*
q Prov. 20. 9. Eccles. 7. 20. James 3. 2. 1 John 1. 8.
† Heb. *they that take them captives carry them away.*
† Heb. *bring back to their heart.*

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carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their || cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

|| Or, *right.*

40 ¶ Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent † unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

† Heb. *to the prayer of this place.*

41 Now [r] therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

r Psal. 132. 8, 9, 10, 16.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: [s] remember the mercies of David thy servant.

s Psalm 132. 1. Isa. 55. 3.

CHAP. VII.

1 *God giving testimony to Solomon's prayer, the people worship the Lord.*
4 *Solomon's sacrifice.*

NOW, [a] when Solomon had made an end of praying, the [b] fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and [c] the glory of the LORD filled the house.

a 1 Kings 8. 54.
b Levit. 9. 24. Judg. 6. 21. 1 Kings 18. 38. 1 Chron. 21. 26.
c 1 Kings 8. 10, 11. Chap. 5. 13, 14.

2 [d] And the priest could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

d Chap. 5. 14.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, [e] *saying*, For *he is* good; [f] for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

e Chap. 5. 13.
f 1 Chron. 16. 41. Chap. 20. 21.

4 ¶ [g] Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

g 1 Kings 8. 62.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 [h] And the priests waited on their offices; the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised † by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

h 1 Chron. 15. 16.

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† Heb. *by their hand.*

7 Moreover, Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ [i] Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the [k] river of Egypt.

i 1 Kings 8. 65.
k Joshua 13. 3.

9 And in the eighth day they made † a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

† Heb. *a restraint.*

10 And [l] on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

l 1 Kings 8. 66.

11 Thus [m] Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

m 1 Kings 9. 1, &c.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, [n] and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

n Deuter. 12. 5.

13 If I shut up heaven, that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, † which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

† Heb. *upon whom my name is called.*

15 Now [o] mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent † unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

o Chap. 6. 40.
† Heb. *to the prayer of this place.*

16 For now have [p] I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

p Chap. 6. 6.

17 [q] And as for thee, if the wilt walk before me, as David thy father

q 1 Kings 9. 4, &c.

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walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, [r] † There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

19 [s] But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, [t] Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

r Chap. 6. 16. † Heb. *There shall not be cut off to thee.*

s Levit. 14. 33. Deuter. 28. 15, 36, 37.

t Deuter. 29. 24. Jerem. 22. 8, 9.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Solomon's buildings.* 7 *The Gentiles made tributaries.* 12 *Solomon's yearly sacrifices.*

[a] AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,

2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamothzobah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and † [b] all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,

8 *But* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 ¶ And Solomon [c] brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* † holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch;

13 Even after a certain rate every [d] day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new-moons, and on the solemn feasts, [e] three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the [f] courses of the priests to their service, and [g] the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the [h] porters also by their courses at every gate: for † so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites, concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished: *so* the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 ¶ Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to || Eloth, at the sea-side in the land of Edom.

18 [i] And Huram sent him, by the hands of his servants, ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of

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c 1 Kings 3. 1. & 7. 8. & 9. 24.

† Heb. *holiness.*

d Exod. 29. 38.

e Exod. 23. 14. Deuter. 16. 16.

f 1 Chron. 24. 1.

g 1 Chron. 25. 1.

h 1 Chron. 9. 17, & 26. 1.

† Heb. *so was the commandment of David the man of God.*

† Heb. *all the desire of Solomon, which he desired to build.*

b 1 Kings 9. 1.

a 1 Kings 9. 10, &c. 992.

|| Or, *Elath*, Deut. 2. 8. 2 Kings 14. 22.

i Chap. 9. 10, 13.

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Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The queen of Sheba admireth Solomon's wisdom:* 13 *his riches:* 29 *his reign, and death.*

a 1 Kings 10. 1, &c. Matth. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.

AND [a] when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and, when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his ‖ cup-bearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

‖ Or, *butlers.*

5 And she said to the king, *It was* a true †report which I heard in mine own land of ‖ thine acts, and of thy wisdom:

† Heb. *word.* ‖ Or, *thy sayings.*

6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it;* and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

9 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, [b] which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees, and precious stones.

b Chap. 8. 18.

11 And the king made *of* the algum-trees ‖ †terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

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‖ Or, *stays.* † Heb. *highways.*

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides ‖ *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

‖ That is, *the recompence for that, &c.*

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold;

14 Besides *that which* chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia, and ‖ governors of the country, brought gold and silver to Solomon.

‖ Or, *captains.*

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels of* gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and †stays on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the stays:

† Heb. *hands.*

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking-vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* †pure gold; ‖ none *were of* silver: it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

† Heb. *shut up.* ‖ Or, *there was no silver in them.*

21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

‖ Or, *elephants' teeth.*

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

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24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

c 1 Kings 4. 26. & 10. 26. Chap. 1. 14.

25 ¶ And Solomon [c] had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

d 1 Kings 4. 21. e Genes. 15. 18. ‖ That is, *Euphrates.*

26 ¶ [d] And he reigned over all the kings, [e] from the ‖ river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

† Heb. *gave.*

27 And the king † made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

f 1 Kings 10. 28. Chap. 1. 16.

28 [f] And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

g 1 Kings 11. 41. † Heb. *words.* h 1 Kings 11. 29. i Chap. 12. 15. & 13. 22.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the [g] acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the † book of Nathan the prophet, [h] and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of [i] Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

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31 And Solomon slept with his fathers; and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

1 *Rehoboam refusing the old men's counsel,* 16 *ten tribes revolt:* 18 *they kill Hadoram: Rehoboam fleeth.*

a 1 Kings 12. 1, &c.

AND [a] Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.

b 1 Kings 11. 40.

2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat (who *was* in Egypt, [b] whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king) heard *it,* that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him: so Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people?

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7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye, that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.

† Heb. *laded.*

11 For whereas my father † put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

c 1 Sam. 2. 25. 1 Kings 12. 15, 24.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: [c] for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the [d] hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

d 1 Kings 11. 29.

16 ¶ And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, that *was* over the tribute;

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and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died: but king Rehoboam † made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

† Heb. *strengthened himself.*

19 [e] And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

e 1 Kings 12. 19.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Rehoboam raising an army to subdue Israel, is forbidden by Shemaiah.* 18 *Rehoboam's wives.*

AND [a] when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men*, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

a 1 Kings 12. 21, &c.

2 But the word of the LORD came [b] to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

b Chap. 12. 15.

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.

12 And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

974. 13 ¶ And the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel † resorted to him out of all their coasts.

† Heb. *presented themselves to him.*

14 (For the Levites left [c] their suburbs, and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for [d] Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD;

c Numb. 35. 2.

d Chap. 13. 9.

15 [e] And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for [f] the devils, and for the calves which he had made.)

e 1 Kings 12. 31. & 13. 33. & 14. 9. Hos. 13. 2.

f Lev. 17. 7.

16 [g] And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

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g See Chap. 15. 9. & 30. 11, 18.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David, to wife, *and* Abihail, the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse;

19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her he took [h] Maachah the daughter of Absalom, which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

h 1 Kings 15. 2. She is called Michaiah the daughter of Uriel, Chap. 13. 2.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives and threescore concubines, and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

22 And Rehoboam [i] made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.

i See Deut. 21. 15, 16, 17.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city; and he gave them victual in abundance: and he desired † many wives.

† Heb. *a multitude of wives.*

CHAP. XII.

1 *Rehoboam, forsaking God, is punished by Shishak:* 13 *his reign, and death.*

AND [a] it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, [b] he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

972. a Chap. 11. 17.

b 1 Kings 14. 22, 23, 24.

2 And it came to pass, *that*, in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, [c] because they had transgressed against the LORD,

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c 1 Kings 14. 22,---25.

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; [d] the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

d Chap. 16. 8.

4 And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and

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said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD *is* righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves: *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them || some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

|| Or, *a little while.*

[e] See Isaiah 26. 13.

8 Nevertheless, [e] they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had [f] made.

[f] 1 Kings 10. 16. Chap. 9. 15.

10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* [g] to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

[g] 2 Sam. 8. 18.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether: ||and also in Judah things went well.

|| Or, *and yet in Judah there were good things:* See Genes. 18. 24. & 1 Kings 14. 13. Chap. 19. 3.

13 ¶ So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for [h] Rehoboam *was* one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, [i] the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there: and his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

[h] 1 Kings 14. 21.

[i] Chap. 6. 6.

|| Or, *fixed.*

14 And he did evil, because he || prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the † book of Shemaiah the prophet, [k] and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

† Heb. *words.*

[k] Chap. 9. 29.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and [l] Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

[l] 1 Kings 14. 31. *Abijam.*

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1 *Abijah, succeeding, maketh war against Jeroboam:* 13 *trusting in God, he overcometh him.*

NOW, [a] in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

[a] 1 Kings 15. 1, &c.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem: (his mother's name also *was* [b] Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah:) and there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

[b] See Chap. 11. 20.

3 And Abijah † set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

† Heb. *bound together.*

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4 ¶ And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons [c] by a covenant of salt?

[c] Numb. 18. 19.

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath [d] rebelled against his lord.

[d] 1 Kings 11. 26.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam [e] made you for gods.

[e] 1 Kings 12. 28. & 14. 9. Hosea 8. 6.

9 [f] Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and [g] have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? [h] so that whosoever cometh † to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.

[f] Chap. 11. 14, 15.

[g] 1 Kings 12. 31.

[h] Exod. 29. 35.

† Heb. *to fill his hand:* See Exod. 29. 1. Levit. 8. 2.

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:

11 [i] And they burn unto the LORD, every morning and every evening, burnt-sacrifices and sweet incense: the [k] shew-bread also *set they in order*

[i] Chap. 2. 4.

[k] Levit. 24. 6.

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upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold, with the lamps thereof, [l] to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

l Exod. 27. 21. Levit. 24. 3.

12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, [m] and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, [n] fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

m Numb. 10. 8.

n Acts 5. 39.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and [o] Ephrain with the towns thereof.

o Josh. 15. 9.

20 [p] Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.

p 1 Kings 11. 20.

21 ¶ But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the ‖ story of the prophet [q] Iddo.

‖ Or, *commentary.*

q Chap. 12. 15.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Asa, succeeding, destroyeth idolatry:*
9 *calling on God, he overcometh Zerah, and spoileth the Ethiopians.*

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SO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and [a] Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

a 1 Kings 15. 8, &c.

2 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

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3 For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and [b] the high places, and [c] brake down the † images, [d] and cut down the groves;

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b See Chap. 15. 17.

c Exod. 34. 13.

† Heb. *statues.*

d 1 Kings 11. 7.

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the † images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

† Heb. *sun-images.*

6 ¶ And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls and towers, gates and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side: so they built and prospered.

8 ¶ And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ [e] And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto [f] Mareshah.

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e Chap. 16. 8.

f Joshua 15. 44.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* [g] nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not ‖ man prevail against thee.

g 1 Sam. 14. 6.

‖ Or, *mortal man.*

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa, and the people that *were* with him, pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were † destroyed before the LORD, and before his host: and they carried away very much spoil.

† Heb. *broken.*

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for [h] the fear of

h Gen. 35. 5. Chap. 17. 10.

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the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Asa, with others, make a solemn covenant with God:* 16 *he putteth down Maachah his mother from being queen for her idolatry.*

AND the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

† Heb. *before Asa.*

2 And he went out † to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; [a] The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and [b] if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but [c] if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

a Jam. 4. 8.

b Verse 4, 15. 1 Chron. 28. 9. Chap. 33. 12, 13. Mat. 7. 7.

c Chap. 24. 20.

3 Now [d] for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, [e] and without a teaching priest, and without law.

d Hos. 3. 4.

e Lev. 10. 11.

4 But [f] when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

f Deut. 4. 29.

5 And [g] in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in; but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

g Judg. 5. 6.

6 [h] And nation was † destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

h Mat. 24. 7.

† Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded.

8 ¶ And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the † abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

† Heb. *abominations.*

9 [i] And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: (for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him:)

i Chap. 11. 16.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

k Chap. 14. 15.

† Heb. *in that day.*

‡ Chap. 21. 13.

11 [k] And they offered unto the LORD † the same time, of [l] the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

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12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart, and with all their soul;

13 [m] That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel [n] should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

m Exod. 22. 20.

n Deut. 13. 5, 9, 15.

14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and [o] sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

o Verse 2.

16 ¶ And also *concerning* [p] Maachah, the ‖ mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an † idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.

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p 1 Kings 15. 13.

‖ That is, *grandmother.*

1 Kings 15. 2, 10.

† Heb *horror.*

17 But [q] the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

q Chap. 14. 3, 5.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Asa, by the aid of the Syrians, diverteth Baasha from building of Ramah:* 11 *he seeketh not to God, but to the physicians:* 13 *his death, and burial.*

IN the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, [a] Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, [b] to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

940, *viz.* from the rending of the ten tribes from Judah, over which Asa was now king.

a 1 Kings 15. 17.

b Chap. 15. 9.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at † Damascus, saying,

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of

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† his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali.

† Heb. *which were his.*

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was a building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

c 1 Kings 16. 1. Chap. 19. 2.

7 ¶ And at that time [c] Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

d Chap. 14. 9. e Chap. 12. 3. † Heb. *in abundance.*

8 Were not [d] the Ethiopians and [e] the Lubims † a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

941. f Job 34. 21. Prov. 5. 21. & 15. 3. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19. Zech. 4. 10. ‖ Or, *strongly to hold with them, &c.* g 1 Kings 15. 32.

9 [f] For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, ‖ to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; therefore from henceforth [g] thou shalt have wars.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa † oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

† Heb. *crushed.*

h 1 Kings 15. 23.

11 ¶ [h] And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great:* yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

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13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had † made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled [i] with sweet odours, and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art; and they made [k] a very great burning for him.

† Heb. *digged.*

i Gen. 50. 2.

k Chap. 21. 19.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Jehoshaphat reigneth well, and prospereth:* 7 *he sendeth Levites to teach in Judah:* 12 *his greatness.*

a 1 Kings 15. 24.

AND [a] Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, [b] which Asa his father had taken.

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b Chap. 15. 8.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways ‖ of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

‖ Or, *of his father, and of David.*

4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel:

5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah [c] † brought to Jehoshaphat [d] presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

c 1 Sam. 10. 27. † Heb. *gave.* d 1 Kings 10. 27.

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6 And his heart ‖ was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover, [e] he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

‖ That is, *was encouraged.* e 1 Kings 22. 43. Chap. 15. 17. & 20. 33.

7 ¶ Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, [f] to teach in the cities of Judah.

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f Chap. 15. 3.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.

9 [g] And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

g Chap. 35. 3.

10 ¶ And [h] the fear of the LORD † fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

h Gen. 35. 5. † Heb. *was.*

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

12 ¶ And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah ‖ castles, and cities of store.

‖ Or, *palaces.*

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them, according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

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15 And † next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

† Heb. *at his hand.*

16 And next him *was* Amaziah the
t Judg.5.2,9. son of Zichri, [i] who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, besides
k verse 2. [k] *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Jehoshaphat goeth with Ahab against Ramoth-gilead.* 4 *Ahab, seduced by false prophets, is slain.*

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a 1 Kings 3. 18. honour in abundance, and [a] joined affinity with Ahab.

b 1 Kings 22. 2. † Heb. *at the end of years.*

2 [b] And † after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria: and Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

c 1 Sam. 23. 2, 4, 9. 2 Sam. 2. 1.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, [c] Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

‡ Heb. *yet, or, more.*

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD † besides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

‖ Or, *eunuchs.* ‡ Heb. *Hasten.*

8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* ‖ officers, and said, † Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

9 And the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat king of Judah, sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a ‖ void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

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‖ Or, *floor.*

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until † they be consumed.

† Heb. thou *consume them.*

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king † with one assent: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

† Heb. *with one mouth.*

13 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, [d] even what my God saith, that will I speak.

d Numb. 22. 18, 20, 35. & 23. 12, 26. & 24. 13. 1 Kings 22. 14.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesy good unto me, ‖ but evil?

‖ Or, *but for evil?*

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a [e] spirit, e Job 1. 6. and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said,

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Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

22 Now therefore, behold, [f] the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and [g] smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go ‖ into † an inner chamber to hide thyself.

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 ¶ So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel; therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them *to depart* from him.

32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again † from pursuing him.

33 And a *certain* man drew a bow † at a venture, and smote the king of Israel † between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariotman, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am † wounded.

34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even; and about the time of the sun going down he died.

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CHAP. XIX.

1 *Jehoshaphat visiteth his kingdom:* 5 *his instructions to the judges*, &c.

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. 896.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani [a] the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and [b] love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless there are [c] good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and † he went out again through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 ¶ And he set judges in the land, throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city;

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for [d] ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, [e] who *is* with you † in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for [f] *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor [g] respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 ¶ Moreover, in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat [h] set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 [i] And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over you [k] in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah,

f Job 12. 16. Isai. 19. 14. Ezek. 14. 9.

g Jer. 20. 2. Mark 14. 65. Acts 23. 2.

‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.*

† Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*

† Heb. *from after him.*

‡ Heb. *in his simplicity.*

† Heb. *between the joints and between the breastplate.*

† Heb. *made sick.*

a 1 Sam. 9. 9.

b Psalm 139. 21.

c Chap. 17. 4, 6. See Chap. 12. 12.

† Heb. *he returned and went out.*

d Deut. 1. 17.

e Psal. 82. 1. Eccles. 5. 8.

† Heb. *in the matter of judgment.*

f Deut. 32. 4. Rom. 9. 14.

g Deuter. 10. 17. Job 34. 19. Acts 10. 34. Rom. 2. 11. Galat. 2. 6. Eph. 6. 9. Col. 3. 25. 1 Peter 1. 17.

h Deuter. 16. 18.

i Deut. 17. 8.

k 1 Chron. 26. 30.

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for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you.

† Heb. *Take courage and do.*

† Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Jehoshaphat proclaimeth a fast:* 5 *his prayer:* 22 *the overthrow of his enemies:* 31 *his reign.*

IT came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* besides the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* [a] in Hazazontamar, which *is* En-gedi.

a Genes. 14. 7.

† Heb. *his face.*

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set † himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 ¶ And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and [b] in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

b 1 Chron. 29. 12. Mat. 6. 13.

† Heb. *thou.*

7 *Art* not thou our God, † *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham [c] thy friend for ever?

c Isaiah 41. 8. Jam. 2. 23.

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

d 1 Kings 8. 33, 37. Chap. 6. 28.

9 [d] If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou [e] wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but [f] they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

e Deuter. 2. 4, 9, 19.

f Numb. 20. 21.

11 Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, [g] to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

g Psalm 83. 12.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but [h] our eyes *are* upon thee.

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h Psalms 25. 15. & 123. 1, 2. & 141. 8.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, [i] came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

i Numb. 11. 25, 26. & 24. 2. Chap. 24. 20.

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat; Thus saith the LORD unto you, [k] Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude: for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

k Exod. 14. 13, 14.

16 To-morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the † cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the || brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

† Heb. *ascend.* || Or, *valley.*

17 [l] Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle;* set yourselves, stand ye *still,* and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

l Exod. 14. 13, 14.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; [m] Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

m Isa. 7. 9.

n 1 Chron. 16. 29.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, [n] and † that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, [o] Praise the LORD; [p] for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

† Heb. *praisers.* o 1 Chron. 16. 34. Psal. 136. 1. p 1 Chron. 16. 41. † Heb. *And in the time that they, &c.*

22 ¶ † And when they began † to sing and to praise, [q] the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and || they were smitten.

† Heb. *in singing and praise.* q Judg. 7. 22. 1 Sam. 14. 20. || Or, *they smote one another.*

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23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them:* and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped † to destroy another.

† Heb. *for the destruction.*

24 And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and † none escaped.

† Heb. there was *not an escaping.*

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, (which they stripped off for themselves,) more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of || Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah unto this day.

‖ That is, *Blessing.*

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the † forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy: for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

† Heb. *head.*

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries, and harps, and trumpets, unto the house of the LORD.

29 And [r] the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

r Chap. 17. 10.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ [s] And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. *He was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

s 1 Kings 22. 41, *&c.*

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit [t] the high places were not taken away; for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

† See Chap. 17. 6.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the † book of Jehu the son of Hanani, [u] who † *is* mentioned in the book of the Kings of Israel.

† Heb. *words.*

u 1 Kings 16. 1, 7.

† Heb. *was made to ascend.*

35 ¶ And after this [x] did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly.

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x 1 Kings 22. 48, 49.

36 ‖ And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.

‖ At first Jehoshaphat was unwilling, 1 Kings 22. 49.

37 Then Eliezer, the son of Dodavah of Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. [y] And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go [z] to Tarshish.

y 1 Kings 22. 48.

z Chap. 9. 21.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Jehoram succeedeth Jehoshaphat:* 5 *his wicked reign:* 18 *his incurable disease, infamous death, and burial.*

NOW [a] Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son ‖ reigned in his stead.

889. a 1 Kings 22. 50.

‖ Alone.

2 And he had brethren, the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to ‖ Jehoram, because he *was* the first-born.

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‖ Jehoram made partner of the kingdom with his father, 2 Kings 8. 16.

4 Now, when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.

5 ¶ [b] Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

b In consort, 2 Kings 8. 17.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of [c] Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD.

c Chap. 22. 2.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a † light to him, and to his [d] sons for ever.

† Heb. *lamp,* or, *candle.*

d 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

8 ¶ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the † dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

1 Kings 11. 36. 2 Kings 8. 19.

9 Then Jehoram [e] went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed

Psalm 132. 11, *&c.*

† Heb. *hand.*

e 2 Kings 8. 21.

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him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

‖ Which was writ before his translation, 2 Kings 2. 1.

12 ¶ And there came a ‖ writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself:

† Heb. *a great stroke.*

14 Behold, with † a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods;

15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians:

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and † carried away all the substance *that was* found in the king's house, and [f] his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save ‖ Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

† Heb. *carried captive*: See Chap. 22. 1.
f Chap. 24. 7.
‖ Or, *Ahaziah*, Chap. 22. 1. or, *Azariah*, Chap. 22. 6.

18 ¶ ‖ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

887. ‖ His son Ahaziah prorex, 2 Kings 9. 29. soon after. 885.

19 And it came to pass, that, in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness; so he died of sore diseases: and his people made no burning for him, like [g] the burning of his fathers.

g Chap. 16. 14.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed † without being desired: howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

† Heb. *without desire.*

CHAP. XXII.

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1 *Ahaziah, succeeding, reigneth wickedly: 5 he is slain by Jehu. 10 Athaliah, destroying all the seed-royal save Joash, usurpeth the kingdom.*

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made [a] Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the [b] eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

a 2 Kings 8. 24, &c. See Verse 6.
b Chap. 21. 17.

2 [c] Forty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: his mother's name also *was* [d] Athaliah, the daughter of Omri.

c See 2 Kings 8. 26.
d Chap. 21. 6.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors, after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 ¶ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. 884.

6 [e] And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds † which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And ‖ Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

e 2 Kings 8. 29. & 9. 15.
† Heb. *wherewith they wounded him.*
‖ Otherwise called *Ahaziah*, Verse 1. and *Jehoahaz*, Chap. 21. 17.

7 And the † destruction of Ahaziah [f] was of God, by coming to Joram: for, when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed [g] to cut off the house of Ahab.

† Heb. *treading down.*
f Judg. 14. 4.
g 2 Kings 9. 6, 7.

8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and [h] found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them.

h 2 Kings 10. 13.

9 [i] And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him; Because (said they) he *is* the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

i 2 Kings 9. 27. at Megiddo in the kingdom of Samaria.

10 ¶ [k] But when Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son was

k 2 Kings 11. 1.

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dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed-royal of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed-chamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Jehoiada maketh Joash king.* 12 *Athaliah is slain.* 16 *Jehoiada restoreth the worship of God.*

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[a] 2 Kings 11. 4, &c.

AND [a] in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath [b] said of the sons of David.

[b] 2 Sam. 7. 12. 1 Kings 2. 4. & 9. 5. Chap. 6. 16. & 7. 18. & 21. 7.

4 This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you [c] entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the † doors:

[c] 1 Chron. 9. 25. † Heb. *thresholds.*

5 And a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and [d] they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

[d] 1 Chron. 23. 28, 29.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites, and all Judah, did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not [e] the courses.

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[e] See 1 Chron. 24. & 25.

9 Moreover, Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right † side of the † temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

† Heb. *shoulder.* † Heb. *house.*

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and [f] *gave him* the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, † God save the king.

[f] Deuter. 17. 18. † Heb. *Let the king live.*

12 ¶ Now, when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets; also the singers with instruments of musick, and [g] such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, † Treason, treason!

[g] 1 Chron. 25. 8. † Heb. *Conspiracy.*

14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges; and whoso ‖ followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

‖ Or, *taketh her part.*

15 So they laid hands on her: and when she was come to the entering [h] of the horse-gate, by the king's house, they slew her there.

[h] Nehem. 3. 28.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and [i] slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

[i] Deuter. 13. 9.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had [k] distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the [l] law of Moses, with

[k] 1 Chron. 24. 1. [l] Numb. 28. 2.

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rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* † by David.

† Heb. *by the hands of David.*

19 And he set the [m] porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.

m 1 Chron. 26. 1, &c.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Joash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada:* 15 *Jehoiada being dead,* 17 *Joash falleth to idolatry:* 23 *he is slain.*

a 2 Kings 12. 1, &c.

JOASH [a] *was* seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: his mother's name also *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

b See Chap. 26. 5.

2 And Joash [b] did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

† Heb. *to renew.*

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded † to repair the house of the LORD.

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5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter: howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in, out of Judah, and out of Jerusalem, the collection, *according to the commandment* of [c] Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

c Exod. 30. 12, 13, 14.

d Chap. 21. 17.

7 For [d] the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *a voice.*

9 And they made † a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

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10 And all the princes, and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and † the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

† Heb. *the healing went up upon the work.*

14 And when they had finished *it,* they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and || to offer *withal,* and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver: and they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

|| Or, *pestils.*

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

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16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

17 ¶ Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king: then the king hearkened unto them.

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18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God † came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus

† Heb. *clothed, as* Judg. 6. 34.

saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? [e] Because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and [f] stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son: and when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, † at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of † Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians [g] came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers: so they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; ‖ Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of ‖ Shimrith a Moabitess.

27 ¶ Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of [h] the burdens *laid* upon him, and the † repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ story of the book of the Kings: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Amaziah beginneth to reign well:* 3 *he executeth justice on the traitors:* 5 *having hired an army of Israelites against the Edomites, at the word of a prophet he loseth an hundred talents, and dismisseth them:* 11 *he overthroweth the Edomites:* 17 *he provoketh Joash to his overthrow:* 25 *his reign:* 27 *he is slain by conspiracy.*

AMAZIAH [a] *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, [b] but not with a perfect heart.

3 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was † established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father:

4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, [c] The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 ¶ Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them [d] from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, *with* all the children of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battle; God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the † army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go † home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home † in great anger.

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces.

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e Chap. 15. 2.

f Matth. 23. 35.

† Heb. *in the revolution of the year.* 839.

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

g Lev. 26. 8. Deut. 32. 30. Isa. 30. 17.

‖ Or, *Jozachar*, 2 Kings 12. 21.

‖ Or, *Shomer.*

h 2 Kings 12. 18.

† Heb. *founding.*

‖ Or, *commentary.*

a 2 Kings 14. 1, &c.

Before CHRIST 839.

b See 2 Kings 14. 4. Verse 14.

† Heb. *confirmed upon him.*

c Deuter. 24. 16. 2 Kings 14. 6. Jer. 31. 30. Ezekiel 18. 20.

d Numb. 1. 3.

† Heb. *band.*

† Heb. *to their place.*

† Heb. *in heat of anger.*

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Before CHRIST cir. 827.

13 ¶ But †the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

† Heb. *the sons of the band.*

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that [e] he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

e See Chap. 28. 23.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath †determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

† Heb. *counselled.*

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17 ¶ Then [f] Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face.

f 2 Kings 14. 8, 9.

18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The ‖thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by †a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

‖ Or, *furzebush*, or, *thorn.*

† Heb. *a beast of the field.*

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for [g] it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

g Chap. 22. 7.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

22 And Judah was †put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

† Heb. *smitten.*

Before CHRIST 826.

23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of [h] Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim to †the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

h See Chap. 21. 17. & 22. 1, 6.

† Heb. *the gate of it that looketh.*

24 And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels *that were* found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash, son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, fifteen years.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away †from following the LORD, they †made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there.

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† Heb. *from after.*

† Heb. *conspired a conspiracy.*

28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of ‖Judah.

‖ That is, *the city of David*, as it is 2 Kings 14. 20.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Uzziah succeedeth Amaziah:* 16 *he invadeth the priest's office, and is smitten with leprosy:* 22 *he dieth, and Jotham succeedeth him.*

THEN all the people of Judah took [a] ‖Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

a 2 Kings 14. 21. & 15. 1, &c.

‖ Or, *Azariah.*

2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem: his mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And [b] he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who [c] had understanding †in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

b See Chap. 24. 2.

c Genes. 41. 15. Dan. 1. 17. & 2. 19. & 10. 1.

† Heb. *in the seeing of God.*

6 And he went forth and [d] warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities ‖about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

d Isa. 14. 29.

‖ Or, *in the country of Ashdod.*

7 And God helped him against [e] the Philistines, and against the

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e Chap. 21. 16.

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Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name †spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

† Heb. *went.*

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem, at the [f] corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall,* and ||fortified them.

f Neh. 3. 13, 19, 32. Zech. 14. 10.

|| Or, *repaired.*

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and ||digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains; husbandmen *also,* and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in ||Carmel: for he loved †husbandry.

|| Or, *cut out many cisterns.*

|| Or, *fruitful fields.*

† Heb. *ground.*

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeiel the scribe, and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred.

† Heb. *the power of an army.*

13 And under their hand *was* †an army, three hundred thousand, and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them, throughout all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and †slings *to cast* stones.

† Heb. *stones of slings.*

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers, and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal: and his name †spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

† Heb. *went forth.*

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16 ¶ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and [g] went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

g So 2 Kings 16. 12, 13.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men;

18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It* [h] *appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the [i] priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed: neither *shall it be* for thine honour from the LORD God.

h Numb. 18. 7.

i Exod. 30. 7.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense; and, while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

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20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself [k] hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

k As Esther 6. 12.

21 [l] And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [m] †several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

l 2 Kings 15. 5.

m Levit. 13. 46. Numb. 5. 2.

† Heb. *free.*

22 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did [n] Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

n Isa. 1. 1.

23 [o] So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

o Isa. 6. 1.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Jotham, reigning well, prospereth:* 5 *he subdueth the Ammonites:* 7 *his reign:* 9 *Ahaz succeedeth him.*

JOTHAM [a] *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: his mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

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a 2 Kings 15. 32, &c.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And [b] the people did yet corruptly.

b 2 Kings 15. 35.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of ||Ophel he built much.

|| Or, *the tower,* Chap. 33. 14.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.

5 ¶ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. †So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year and the third.

† Heb. *This.*

6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ||prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

|| Or, *established.*

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7 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

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CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Ahaz, reigning wickedly, is afflicted by the Syrians:* 26 *he dying, Hezekiah succeedeth him.*

741. AHAZ [a] *was* twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:

a 2 Kings 16. 2.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

‖ Or, *offered sacrifice.*

3 Moreover, he ‖ burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt [b] his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

b Levit. 18. 21.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

c Isa. 7. 1.

5 Wherefore [c] the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to † Damascus: and he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

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† Heb. *Darmesek.*

d 2 Kings 15. 27.

6 ¶ For [d] Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all † valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

† Heb. *sons of valour.*

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* † next to the king.

† Heb. *the second to the king.*

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* Oded; and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, [e] because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* [f] reacheth up unto heaven.

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e Psalm 69. 26. Isa. 10. 5. & 47. 6. Ezek. 25. 12, 15. & 26. 2. Obad. 10, &c. Zech. 1. 15.

f Ezra 9. 6.

10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bond-men and bond-women unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men, [g] which were expressed by name, rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, [h] the city of palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

g Ver. 12.

h Deuter. 34. 3. Judg. 1. 16.

16 ¶ [i] At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

i 2 Kings 16. 7.

17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away † captives.

† Heb. *a captivity.*

18 [k] The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

k Ezek. 16. 27, 57.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low, because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he [l] made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

l Exod. 32. 25.

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20 And [m] Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

m 2 Kings 15. 29.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz.

n See Chap. 25. 14.

23 For [n] he sacrificed unto the gods of † Damascus which smote him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me: but they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

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24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

o See Chap. 29. 3, 7.

25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places || to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

|| Or, *to offer.*

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts, and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

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27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem; but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *Hezekiah's good reign:* 3 *he restoreth religion.* 12 *The house of God cleansed.*

a 2 Kings 18. 1.

HEZEKIAH [a] began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old; and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter [b] of Zechariah.

b Chap. 26. 5.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

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3 ¶ He, in the first year of his reign, in the first month, [c] opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

c See Chap. 28. 24. Verse 7.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; Sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place.*

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and † turned *their* backs.

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† Heb. *given the neck.*

7 [d] Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incense, nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy *place,* unto the God of Israel.

d Chap. 28. 24.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to † trouble, to astonishment, and to [e] hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

† Heb. *commotion,* Deuter. 28. 25.

e 1 Kings 9. 8.

9 For, lo, [f] our fathers have fallen by the sword; and our sons, and our daughters, and our wives, *are* in captivity for this.

f Chap. 28. 5, 6, 8.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, || be not now negligent: for the LORD hath [g] chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and || burn incense.

|| Or, *be not now deceived.*

g Numb. 3. 6. & 8. 14. & 18. 2, 6.

|| Or, *offer sacrifice.*

12 ¶ Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari; Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, || by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

|| Or, *in the business of the LORD,* Chap. 30. 12.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it,* and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it,* to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth

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day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shew-bread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a [h] sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah: and he commanded the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

h Levit. 4. 3, 14.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and [i] sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

i Lev. 8. 14, 15, 19, 24. Hebr. 9. 21.

23 And they brought †forth the he-goats *for* the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their [k] hands upon them:

† Heb. *near.*

k Levit. 4. 15, 24.

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all Israel.

25 [l] And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, [m] according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: [n] for *so was* the commandment †of the LORD †by his prophets.

l 1 Chron. 16. 4. & 25. 6.

m 1 Chron. 23. 5. & 25. 1. Chap. 8. 14.

n Chap. 30. 12.

† Heb. *by the hand of the* LORD.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments [o] of David, and the priests with [p] the trumpets.

o 1 Chron. 23. 5. Amos 6. 5.

p Numb. 10. 8, 10.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar: and †when the burnt-offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the †instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

† Heb. *in the time.*

† Heb. *hands of instruments.*

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the †singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished.

† Heb. *song.*

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29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king, and all *that were* †present with him, bowed themselves, and worshipped.

† Heb. *found.*

30 Moreover, Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer: and they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have ||consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near, and bring sacrifices and [q] thank-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a free heart, burnt-offerings.

|| Or, *filled your hand.*

q Lev. 7. 12.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt-offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen, and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings; wherefore [r] their brethren the Levites †did help them, till the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: [s] for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

r Chap. 35. 11.

† Heb. *strengthened them.*

s Chap. 30. 3.

35 And also the burnt-offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for *every* burnt-offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Hezekiah proclaimeth a passover.* 13 *The assembly, destroying the altars of idolatry, keep the feast fourteen days.*

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second [a] month.

a Numb. 9. 10, 11.

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3 For they could not keep it [b] at that time, [c] because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

b Exod. 12. 6, 18.

c Chap. 29. 34.

4 And the thing † pleased the king and all the congregation.

† Heb. *was right in the eyes of the king.*

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in such sort* as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters † from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you that are escaped out of the hand of [d] the kings of Assyria.

† Heb. *from the hand.*

d 2 Kings 15. 19, 29.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now † be ye not stiff-necked, as your fathers *were, but* † yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

† Heb. *harden not your necks.*

† Heb. *give the hand:* See 1 Chron. 29. 24. Ezra 10. 19.

9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* [e] gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

e Exod. 34. 6.

10 So the posts passed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless [f] divers of Asher, and Manasseh, and of Zebulun, humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

f So Chap. 11. 16. Verse 18.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, [g] by the word of the LORD.

g Chap. 29. 25.

13 ¶ And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose, and took away the [h] altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

h Chap. 28. 24.

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15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in † their place, after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites:

† Heb. *their standing.*

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified; [i] therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD.

i Chap. 29. 34.

18 For a multitude of the people, *even* [k] many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, [l] yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written: but Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one

k Verse 11.

l Exod. 12. 43, &c.

19 *That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel, *that were* † present at Jerusalem, kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with † loud instruments unto the LORD.

† Heb. *found.*

† Heb. *instruments of strength.*

22 And Hezekiah spake † comfortably unto all the Levites [m] that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

† Heb. *to the heart of all, &c.*

m Chap. 35. 3.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep [n] other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.

n See 1 Kings 8. 65.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah † [o] did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

† Heb. *lifted up, or, offered.*

o Chap. 35. 7, 8.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that

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came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon, the son of David king of Israel, *there was* not the like in Jerusalem.

27 ¶ Then the priests the Levites arose and [p] blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to [†] his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven.

[p] Numb. 6. 23.

[†] Heb. *the habitation of his holiness.*

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *The people forward in destroying idolatry,* 5 *in offerings and tithes.* 11 *Hezekiah appointeth officers to dispose of the tithes:* 20 *his sincerity.*

NOW, when all this was finished, all Israel *that were* [†] present went out to the cities of Judah, and [a] brake the [†] images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, [†] until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

[†] Heb. *found.*

[a] 2 Kings 18. 4.

[†] Heb. *statues,* Chap. 30. 14.

[†] Heb. *until to make an end.*

2 ¶ And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests, and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, *to wit,* for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new-moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the [b] law of the LORD.

[b] Numb. 28. & 29.

4 Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

5 ¶ And as soon as the commandment [†] came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance [c] the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and [‖] honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

[†] Heb. *brake forth.*

[c] Exod. 22. 29.

[‖] Or, *dates.*

6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the [d] tithe of holy things *which were* consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* [†] by heaps.

[d] Levit. 27. 30. Deut. 14. 28.

[†] Heb. *heaps, heaps.*

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month.

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8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him, and said, [e] Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left *is* this great store.

[e] Mal. 3. 10.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare [‖] chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them,*

[‖] Or, *storehouses.*

12 And brought in the offerings, and the tithes, and the dedicated *things,* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers, [†] under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

[†] Heb. *at the hand.*

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the free-will-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And [†] next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in [f] the cities of the priests, in *their* [‖] set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

[†] Heb. *at his hand.*

[f] Josh. 21. 9.

[‖] Or, *trust.*

16 Besides their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges, according to their courses;

17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites [g] from twenty years old and upward, in their charges, by their courses;

[g] 1 Chron. 23. 24, 27.

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their [‖] set

[‖] Or, *trust.*

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office they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in [h] the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

h Levit. 25. 34. Numb. 35. 2.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good, and right, and truth, before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Sennacherib invadeth Judah.* 21 *An angel destroyeth the Assyrians.* 24 *Hezekiah's sickness and recovery:* 32 *he dying, Manasseh succeedeth him.*

713. AFTER [a] these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought † to win them for himself.

a 2 Kings 18. 13, &c. Isaiah 36. 1, &c.

† Heb. *to break them up.*

2 And when Hezekiah saw that † Heb. *his face* was *to war.* Sennacherib was come, and that † he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city; and they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the † Heb. *overflowed.* fountains, and the brook that † ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

b Isa. 22. 9.

5 Also [b] he strengthened himself, c Chap. 25. 23. [c] and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired [d] Millo *in* the city of David, and made ‖ darts and shields in abundance.

d 2 Sam. 5. 9. 1 Kings 9. 24. ‖ Or, *swords*, or, *weapons.*

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and † spake comfortably to them, saying,

† Heb. *spake to their heart.*

7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for [e] *there be* more with us than with him.

e 2 Kings 6. 16.

8 With him *is* an [f] arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people † rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

f Jer. 17. 5. 1 John 4. 4.

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† Heb. *leaned.*

9 ¶ [g] After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his † power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

710. g 2 Kings 18. 17. † Heb. *dominion.*

10 [h] Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide ‖ in the siege in Jerusalem?

h 2 Kings 18. 19. ‖ Or, *in the strong hold.*

11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 [i] Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

i 2 Kings 18. 22.

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers; how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 [k] He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

k 2 Kings 19. 9.

18 [l] Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech, unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them, that they might take the city.

l 2 Kings 18. 28.

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

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20 [m]And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

m 2 Kings 19. 15.

21 ¶ [n]And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria: so he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels †slew him there with the sword.

n 2 Kings 19. 35, &c.

† Heb. *made him fall.*

22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other,* and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and †presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

† Heb. *precious things.*

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24 ¶ [o]In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he ||gave him a sign.

o 2 Kings 20. 1. Isa. 38. 1.

|| Or, *wrought a miracle for him.*

25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 [p]Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for †the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

p Jer. 26. 18, 19.

† Heb. *the lifting up.*

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of †pleasant jewels;

† Heb. *instruments of desire.*

28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him substance very much.

30 [q]This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

q Isa. 22. 9, 11.

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31 ¶ Howbeit in *the business of* the †ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who [r]sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

† Heb. *interpreters.* r 2 Kings 20. 12. Isa. 39. 1.

32 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his †goodness, behold, they *are* written in [s]the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in [t]the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

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† Heb. *kindnesses.*

s Isaiah 36. & 37. & 38. & 39.

t 2 Kings 18. & 19. & 20.

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ||chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

|| Or, *highest.*

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CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Manasseh's wicked reign:* 11 *he is carried into Babylon:* 12 *upon his prayer he is released:* 20 *Amon succeedeth him:* 21 *he being slain by his own servants,* 25 *Josiah succeedeth him.*

MANASSEH [a]*was* twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

a 2 Kings 21. 1, &c.

2 But did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the [b]abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

b Deuter. 18. 9.

3 ¶ For †he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had [c]broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and [d]made groves, and worshipped [e]all the host of heaven, and served them.

† Heb. *he returned and built.*

c 2 Kings 18. 4. Chap. 30. 14. & 31. 1. & 32. 12.

d Deuter. 16. 21.

e Deuter. 17. 3.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, [f]In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

f Deuter. 12. 11. 1 Kings 8. 29. & 9. 3. Chap. 6. 6. & 7. 16.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven [g]in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

g Chap. 4. 9.

6 [h]And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and [i]dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

h Levit. 18. 21. Deuter. 18. 10. 2 Kings 23. 10. Ezek. 23. 37, 39.

i 2 Kings 21. 6.

7 And [k]he set a carved image (the idol which he had made) in the house of God, of which God had said to David, and to Solomon his son, In [l]this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

k 2 Kings 21. 7.

l Psalm 132. 14.

8 [m]Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded

m 2 Sam. 7. 10.

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them, according to the whole law, and the statutes, and the ordinances, by the hand of Moses.

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people; but they would not hearken.

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11 ¶ [n] Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host † of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with ‖ fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

n Deuter. 28. 36. Job 36. 8.

† Heb. *which* were *the king's.*

‖ Or, *chains.*

12 And when he was in affliction he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish-gate, and compassed [o] about ‖ Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

o Chap. 27. 3.

‖ Or, *the tower.*

15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace-offerings and [p] thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

p Levit. 7. 12.

17 [q] Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

q Chap. 32. 12.

18 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of [r] the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the Kings of Israel:

r 1 Sam. 9. 9.

19 His prayer also, and *how God* was entreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled, behold, they *are* written among the sayings of ‖ the seers.

‖ Or, *Hozai.*

20 ¶ So Manasseh slept with his fathers; and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

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21 ¶ [s] Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

s 2 Kings 21. 19, &c.

22 But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;

23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon † trespassed more and more.

† Heb. *multiplied trespass.*

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

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25 ¶ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Josiah's good reign:* 3 *he destroyeth idolatry:* 8 *he repaireth the temple,* 29 *and, causing the law to be read, reneweth the covenant between God and the people.*

JOSIAH [a] *was* eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

a 2 Kings 22. 1, &c.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand nor to the left.

3 ¶ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began [b] to purge Judah and Jerusalem [c] from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

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b 1 Kings 13. 2.

c Chap. 33. 17.

4 [d] And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the ‖ images that *were* on high above them he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them,* [e] and strowed *it* upon the † graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

d Levit. 26. 30. 2 Kings 23. 4.

‖ Or, *sun-images.*

e 2 Kings 23. 4, 20.

† Heb. *face of the graves.*

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their ‖ mattocks, round about.

† Heb. *mauls.*

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had

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beaten the graven images † into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

† Heb. *to make powder.*

8 ¶ Now, [f] in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

f 2 Kings 22. 3.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered [g] the money *that was* brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

g See 2 Kings 12. 4, &c.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it,* to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and || to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

|| Or, *to rafter.*

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: [h] and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

h 1 Chron. 23. 4, 5.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest [i] found a book of the law of the LORD *given* † by Moses.

i 2 Kings 22. 8, &c.

† Heb. *by the hand of.*

15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed † to thy servants, they do *it.*

† Heb. *to the hand of.*

17 And they have † gathered together the money *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

† Heb. *poured out, or, melted.*

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18 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read † it before the king.

† Heb. *in it.*

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and ||Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

|| Or, *Achbor,* 2 Kings 22. 12.

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all *that is* written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed,* went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of [k] Tikvath, the son of || Hasrah, keeper of the † wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem ||in the college;) and they spake to her to that *effect.*

k 2 Kings 22. 14.

|| Or, *Harhas.*

† Heb. *garments.*

|| Or, *in the school,* or, *in the second part.*

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard,

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I

will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

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29 ¶ [l] Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

l 2 Kings 23. 1, &c.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, † great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant *that was* found in the house of the LORD.

† Heb. *from great even to small.*

31 And the king stood in [m] his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

m 2 Kings 11. 14. & 23. 3. Chap. 6. 13.

32 And he caused all that were † present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

† Heb. *found.*

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all *that were* present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. [n] *And* all his days they departed not † from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

n Jerem. 3. 10.
† Heb. *from after.*

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Josiah keepeth a solemn passover:* 20 *he, provoking Pharaoh-necho, is slain at Megiddo.* 25 *The people make great lamentations for him.*

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MOREOVER, [a] Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the [b] fourteenth *day* of the first month.

a 2 Kings 23. 21, 22.
b Exod. 12. 6.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD;

3 And said unto the Levites [c] that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, [d] Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon, the son of David king of Israel, did build; [e] *it shall* not *be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

c Chap. 30. 22.
d Chap. 34. 14.
e 1 Chron. 23. 26.

4 And prepare *yourselves* by the [f] houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the [g] writing of David king of Israel, and according to the [h] writing of Solomon his son.

f 1 Chron. 9. 10.
g 1 Chron. 23. & 24. & 25. & 26.
h Chap. 8. 14.

5 And stand in the holy *place*, according to the divisions of † the families of the fathers of your brethren † the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

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† Heb. *the house of the fathers.*

6 So kill the passover, and [i] sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

† Heb. *the sons of the people.*
i Chap. 29. 5, 15. & 30. 3, 15. Ezra 6. 20.

7 And Josiah † [k] gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the king's substance.

† Heb. *offered.*
k Chap. 30. 24.

8 And his princes † gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen.

† Heb. *offered.*

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, † gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred oxen.

† Heb. *offered.*

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites [l] flayed *them*.

l See Chap. 29. 34.

12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written [m] in the book of Moses: and so *did they* with the oxen.

m Levit. 3. 3.

13 And they [n] roasted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and † divided *them* speedily among all the people.

n Exod. 12. 8, 9.
† Heb. *made them run.*

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, *were* in their † place, according to the [o] commandment of David,

† Heb. *station.*
o 1 Chron. 25. 1, &c.

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and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters [p] *waited* at every gate: they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

[p] 1 Chron. 9. 17, 18. & 26. 14, *&c.*

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel *that were* †present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

† Heb. *found.*

[q] 2 Kings 23. 22.

18 And [q] there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

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20 ¶ [r] After all this, when Josiah had prepared the †temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.

[r] 2 Kings 23. 29. Jer. 46. 2.

† Heb. *house.*

21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against †the house wherewith I have war; for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not.

† Heb. *the house of my war.*

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but [s] disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho [t] from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

[s] So 1 Kings 22. 30.

[t] 1 Esdras 1. 28.

23 And the archers shot at king Josiah: and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore †wounded.

† Heb. *made sick.*

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried ‖ in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers: and [u] all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

‖ Or, *among the sepulchres.*

[u] Zech. 12. 11.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and [x] all the singing-men and the singing-women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, [y] and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the Lamentations.

[x] See Matth. 9. 23.

[y] Jerem. 22. 20.

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26 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his †goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD,

† Heb. *kindnesses.*

27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Jehoahaz, succeeding, is deposed by Pharaoh.* 5 *Jehoiakim, reigning ill, is carried into Babylon.* 9 *Jehoiachin succeedeth.* 11 *Zedekiah's evil reign.*

THEN [a] the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

[a] 2 Kings 23. 30, *&c.*

2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt †put him down at Jerusalem, [b] and †condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

† Heb. *removed him.*

[b] 1 Esdras 1. 36.

† Heb. *mulcted.*

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

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6 [c] Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in ‖ fetters, to [d] carry him to Babylon.

[c] 2 Kings 24. 1.

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‖ Or, *chains:* foretold Hab. 1. 6.

[d] See 2 Kings 24. 6. Jerem. 22. 18, 19. & 36. 30.

7 [e] Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

[e] 2 Kings 24. 13. Dan. 1. 1, 2.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the Kings of Israel and Judah: and ‖ Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

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‖ Or, *Jeconiah,* 1 Chron. 3. 16. or, *Coniah,* Jer. 22. 24.

9 ¶ [f] Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

[f] 2 Kings 24. 8.

† Heb. *at the return of the year.*

10 And †when the year was expired, [g] king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the †goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made ‖ [h] Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

[g] Daniel 1. 1, 2.

† Heb. *vessels of desire.*

‖ Or, *Mattaniah, his father's brother,* 2 Kings 24. 17.

[h] Jerem. 37. 1.

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11 ¶ [i]Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet, *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.

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13 And [k]he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 ¶ Moreover, all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD, which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 [l]And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them †by his messengers, rising up ||betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place:

16 But [m] they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no †remedy.

17 [n] Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age; he gave *them* all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

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19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And †them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon, [o] where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia;

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of [p] Jeremiah, until the land [q] had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate [r] she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 ¶ [s] Now, in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, (that the word of the LORD, *spoken* by the mouth of [t] Jeremiah, might be accomplished,) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah: who *is there* among you of all his people? the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

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CHAP. I.

1 *The proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the temple.* 5 *The people provide for their return.* 7 *Cyrus restoreth the vessels of the temple to Sheshbazzar.*

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NOW, in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, (that the word of the LORD [a] by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled,) the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, [b] that he †made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath [c] charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah:

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (he *is* the God) which *is* in Jerusalem.

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4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place †help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will-offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that *were* about them ||strengthened their hands

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with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all *that* was willingly offered.

d Chap. 6. 5.

7 ¶ [d]Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, [e]which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

e 2 Kings 24. 13. 2 Chron. 36. 7.

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto [f]Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

f See Chap. 5. 14.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them of* † the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

† Heb. *the transportation.*

CHAP. II.

1 *The number that returned.* 61 *Of the priests who could not shew their pedigree.*

a Nehem. 7. 6, &c. 1 Esdras 5. 7, &c.

NOW [a]these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

‖ Or, *Azariah*, Neh. 7. 7. ‖ Or, *Raamiah.* ‖ Or, *Mispereth.* ‖ Or, *Nehum.*

2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, ‖ Seraiah, ‖ Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ‖ Mispar, Bigvai, ‖ Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

b See Neh. 7. 10.

5 The children of Arah, [b]seven hundred seventy and five.

c Nehem. 7. 11.

6 The children of [c]Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

‖ Or, *Binnui*, Neh. 7. 15.

10 The children of ‖ Bani, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

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12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

‖ Or, *Hariph*, Neh. 7. 24.

18 The children of ‖ Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

‖ Or, *Gibeon*, Neh. 7. 25.

20 The children of ‖ Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

‖ Or, *Beth-azmaveth*, Neh. 7. 28.

24 The children of ‖ Azmaveth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.

d See Ver. 7.

31 The children of the other [d]Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

‖ Or, *Harid*, as it is in some copies.

33 The children of Lod, ‖ Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

e 1 Chron. 24. 7.

36 ¶ The priests: the children of [e]Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

f 1 Chron. 24. 14.

37 The children of [f]Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

g 1 Chron. 9. 12.

38 The children of [g]Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

h 1 Chron. 24. 8.

39 The children of [h]Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

‖ Or, *Judah*, Chap. 3. 9. called also *Hodevah*, Neh. 7. 43.

40 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of ‖ Hodaviah, seventy and four.

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41 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

42 ¶ The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.

f 1 Chron. 9. 2.

43 ¶ [f] The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

44 The children of Keros, the children of ‖ Siaha, the children of Padon,

‖ Or, *Sia.*

45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of ‖ Shalmai, the children of Hanan,

‖ Or, *Shamlai.*

47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gabar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Bezai,

50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of ‖ Nephusim,

‖ Or, *Nephishesim.*

51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

‖ Or, *Bazlith,* Neh. 7. 54.

52 The children of ‖ Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

k 1 Kings 9. 21.

55 ¶ The children of [k] Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ‖ Peruda,

‖ Or, *Perida,* Neh. 7. 57.

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Ami.

‖ Or, *Amon,* Neh. 7. 59.

58 All the [l] Nethinims, and the children of [m] Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

1 Joshua 9. 21, 27. l Chr. 9. 2. m 1 Kings 9. 21.

59 And these *were* they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub, ‖ Addan, *and* Immer; but they could not shew their father's house, and their ‖ seed, whether they *were* of Israel:

‖ Or, *Addon,* Neh. 7. 61.

‖ Or, *pedigree.*

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.

61 ¶ And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai; (which took a wife of the daughters of [n] Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name:)

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n 2 Sam. 17. 27.

62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found; [o] therefore † were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

o Numb. 3. 10.

† Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood.*

63 And the ‖ Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things till there stood up a priest with [p] Urim and with Thummim.

‖ Or, *governor:* See Nehem. 8. 9.

p Exod. 28. 30. Numb. 27. 21.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred *and* threescore,

65 Besides their servants and their maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred singing-men and singing-women.

66 Their horses *were* seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

68 ¶ And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to set it up in his place:

69 They gave after their ability, unto the [q] treasure of the work, threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

q 1 Chron. 26. 20.

70 [r] So the priests, and the Levites, and *some* of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

r Chap. 6. 16, 17.

CHAP. III.

1 *The altar is set up.* 4 *The offerings frequented.* 8 *The foundations of the temple are laid.*

AND [a] when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

a1Esd. 5.47.

‖ Or, *Joshua,* Hag. 1. 1. Zech. 1. 1.

2 Then stood up ‖ Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and ‖ Zerubbabel the son of [b] Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as *it is* [c] written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

‖ Called *Zorobabel,* Mat. 1. 12. Luke 1. 27.

b Matth. 1. 12. & Luke 3. 27. called *Salathiel.*

c Deuter. 12. 5.

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3 And they set the altar upon his bases; (for fear *was* upon them because of the people of those countries;) and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* [d] burnt-offerings morning and evening.

[d] Numb. 28. 3, 4.

4 [e] They kept also the feast of tabernacles, [f] as *it is* written, and [g] *offered* the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, † as the duty of every day required;

[e] Nehem. 8. 17.
[f] Exod. 23. 16.
[g] Numb. 29. 12, &c.
† Heb. *the matter of the day in his day.*

5 And afterward *offered* the continual burnt-offering, both of the new-moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD *that were* consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will-offering unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD: but † the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.

† Heb. *the temple of the LORD was not* yet *founded.*

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the ‖ carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of [h] Joppa, [i] according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

‖ Or, *workmen.*
[h] 2 Chron. 2. 16. Acts 9. 36.
[i] Chap. 6. 3.

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8 ¶ Now, in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and [k] appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

[k] 1 Chron. 23. 24, 27.

9 [l] Then stood Jeshua, *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ‖ Judah, † together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God; the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

[l] Chap. 2. 40.
‖ Or, *Hodaviah,* Chap. 2. 40.
† Heb. *as one.*

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, [m] they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the [n] ordinance of David king of Israel.

[m] 1 Chron. 16. 5, 6.
[n] 1 Chron. 6. 31. & 16. 4. & 25. 1.

11 [o] And they sang together by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; [p] because *he is* good, [q] for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

[o] Exod. 15. 21. 2 Chron. 7. 3. Neh. 12. 24.
[p] 1 Chron. 16. 34.
[q] 1 Chron. 16. 41. Jer. 33. 11.

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12 [r] But many of the priests and Levites, and chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

[r] See Hag. 2. 3.

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The building hindered.* 7 *The letter to Artaxerxes:* 17 *his decree.*

NOW, when [a] the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that † the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

[a] See Verse 7. 8, 9. 1 Esd. 5. 66.
† Heb. *the sons of the transportation.*

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do;* and we do sacrifice unto him [b] since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

cir. 678.
[b] 2 Kings 17. 24, 32, 33. & 19. 37. Verse 10.

3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, [c] Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as [d] king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

[c] Nehem. 2. 20.
[d] Chap. 1. 1, 2, 3.

4 Then [e] the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

[e] Chap. 3. 3.

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

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6 And in the reign of † Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

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† Heb. *Ahashverosh.*

7 ¶ And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote ‖ Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their † companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

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‖ Or, *in peace.*
† Heb. *societies.*

8 Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the ‖ scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

‖ Or, *secretary.*

9 Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the

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rest of their † companions; [f] the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites,

† Chald. *societies.*

10 [g] And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, [h] and † at such a time.

f 2 Kings 17. 30, 31.

g Verse 1. cir. 678.

h So Verse 11, 17. & Chap. 7. 12.

11 ¶ This *is* the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants, the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

† Chald. *Cheeneth.*

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews, which came up from thee to us, are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have || set up the walls *thereof*, and † joined the foundations.

|| Or, *finished.*

† Chald. *served together.*

13 Be it known now unto the king, that if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again*, *then* will they not † pay toll, tribute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt endamage || the revenue of the kings.

† Chald. *give.*

|| Or, *strength.*

14 Now, because † we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king,

† Chald. *we are salted with the salt of the palace.*

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know, that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have † moved sedition † within the same of old time; for which cause was this city destroyed.

† Chald. *made.*

† Chald. *in the midst thereof.*

16 We certify the king, that if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

17 ¶ *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and *to* Shimshai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their † companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

† Chald. *societies.*

18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And † I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found, that this city of old time hath † made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

† Chald. *by me a decree is set.*

† Chald. *lifted up itself.*

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

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21 † Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me.

† Chald. *Make a decree.*

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 ¶ Now, when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease † by force and power.

† Chald. *by arm and power.*

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia. 520.

CHAP. V.

1 *Zerubbabel and Jeshua, incited by Haggai and Zechariah, set forward the building.* 6 *The adversaries' letter to Darius.*

THEN [a] the prophets, [b] Haggai the prophet, and [c] Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them.

a 1 Esd. 6. 1.
b Hag. 1. 1.
c Zech. 1. 1.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

4 [d] Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men † that make this building?

d Verse 10.

† Chald. *that build this building?*

5 But [e] the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

e See Chap. 7. 6, 28.

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, [f] and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: 519.

f Chap. 4. 9.

7 They sent a letter unto him, † wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

† Chald. *in the midst whereof.*

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8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with † great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

† Chald. *stones of rolling.*

9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded [g] and set up.

[g] 1 Kings 6. 1.

12 But [h] after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of [i] Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

[h] 2 Chron. 36. 16, 17.

[i] 2 Kings 24. 2. & 25. 8.

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13 But in the first year of [k] Cyrus the king of Babylon, *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

[k] Chap. 1. 1.

14 And [l] the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one*, [m] whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made || governor;

[l] Chap. 1. 7, 8. & 6. 5.

[m] Haggai 1. 14. & 2. 2, 21.

|| Or, *deputy.*

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, [n] let there be search made in the king's treasure-house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

[n] Chap. 6. 1, 2.

CHAP. VI.

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1 *Darius advanceth the building.* 13 *The temple is finished.* 16 *The feast of the dedication,* 19 *and of the passover.*

THEN Darius the king made a decree, [a] and search was made in the house of the † rolls, where the treasures were † laid up in Babylon.

[a] Chap. 5. 17.

† Chald. *books.*

† Chald. *made to descend.*

2 And there was found at || Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written:

|| Or, *Ecbatana,* or, *in a coffer.*

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, *the same* Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

4 [b] *With* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house.

[b] 1 Kings 6. 36.

5 And also let [c] the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and † brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

[c] Chap. 1. 7, 8. & 5. 14.

† Chald. *go.*

6 [d] Now *therefore*, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and † your companions the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

[d] Chap. 5. 3.

† Chald. *their societies.*

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews, and the elders of the Jews, build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover † I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews, for the building of this house of God; that of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not † hindered.

† Chald. *by me a decree is made.*

† Chald. *made to cease.*

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 [e] That they may offer sacrifices † of sweet savours unto the God of

[e] Chap. 7. 23. Jer. 29. 7.

† Chald. *of rest.*

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heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and, being set up, † let him be hanged thereon; [f] and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

† Chald. *let him be destroyed.*
f Dan. 2. 5.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

g Chap. 5. 1.

14 [g] And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo: and they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the † commandment of [h] Cyrus, and [i] Darius, and [k] Artaxerxes king of Persia.

† Chald. *decree.*
h Chap. 1. 1. & 5. 13. & Verse 3.
i Chap. 4. 24.
k Chap. 7. 1.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

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16 ¶ And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of † the children of the captivity, kept [l] the dedication of this house of God with joy,

† Chald. *the sons of the translation.*
l 1 Kings 8. 63. 2 Chr. 7. 5.

17 And [m] offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

m Chap. 8. 35.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God which *is* at Jerusalem; † [n] as it is written in the book of Moses.

† Chald. *according to the writing.*
n Numb. 3. 6. & 8. 9.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover [o] upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

o Exod. 12. 6.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

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22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart [p] of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

p 2 Kings 23. 29. 2 Chron. 35. 11.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Ezra goeth up to Jerusalem:* 11 *Artaxerxes' gracious commission to him.* 27 *Ezra blesseth God for his favour.*

NOW [a] after these things, in the reign of [b] Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra [c] the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

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a 1 Esd. 8. 1.
b Neh. 2. 1.
c 1 Chron. 6. 14.

2 The son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

3 The son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

4 The son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

5 The son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* [d] a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, [e] according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

d Verse 11, 21.
e Verse 9. Chap. 8. 22, 31.

7 [f] And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and [g] the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and [h] the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

f Chap. 8. 1.
g See Chap. 8. 15, &c.
h Chap. 2. 43.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the seventh year of the king.

9 For upon the first *day* of the first month † began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

† Heb. was *the foundation of the going up.*

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

11 ¶ Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

i Ezek. 26. 7. Dan. 2. 37.
‖ Or, *To Ezra the priest, a perfect scribe of the law of the God of heaven, peace, &c.*

12 Artaxerxes, [i] king of kings, ‖ unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, [k] and at such a time.

k Chap. 4. 10.

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13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and *of* his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free-will to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

† Chald. *from before the king.*

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent † of the king, and of his [1] seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which *is* in thine hand;

[1] Esther 1. 14.

15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem;

[m] Chap. 8. 25.

16 [m] And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the free-will-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which *is* in Jerusalem;

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings, and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which *is* in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, *those* deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure-house.

21 And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

† Chald. *cors.*

22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred † measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much.*

† Heb. *Whatsoever is of the decree.*

23 † Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 Also we certify you, that, touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.

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25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that *are* beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know *them* not.

26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or † to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

† Chald. *to rooting out.*

[n] Chap. 6. 22.

27 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, [n] which hath put *such a thing* as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem;

[o] Chap. 9. 9.

28 And [o] hath extended mercy unto me before the king and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes: and I was strengthened as [p] the hand of the LORD my God *was* upon me; and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

[p] See Chap. 5. 5.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Ezra's companions from Babylon:* 15 *he sendeth to Iddo for ministers for the temple:* 21 *he keepeth a fast.*

THESE [a] *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

[a] 1 Esdras 8. 28.

2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; [b] Hattush;

[b] 1 Chron. 3. 22.

3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of [c] Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty.

[c] Chap. 2. 3.

4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

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11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan ‖ the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

‖ Or, *the youngest son.*

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and ‖ Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

‖ Or, *Zaccur*, as some read.

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there ‖ abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

‖ Or, *pitched.*

16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief, at the place Casiphia, and † I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

† Heb. *I put words in their mouth:* See 2 Sam. 14. 3, 19.

18 And, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren, and their sons, twenty;

d See Chap. 2. 43.

20 [d] Also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might [e] afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

e Levit. 16. 29.

f So 1 Cor. 9. 15.

22 For [f] I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this; and he was entreated of us.

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24 ¶ Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them [g] the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered;

g Chap. 7. 15, 16.

26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, *and* of gold an hundred talents;

27 Also twenty basons of gold of a thousand drams, and two vessels of † fine copper, † precious as gold.

† Heb. *yellow, or, shining brass.*

28 And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a free-will-offering unto the LORD God of your fathers:

† Heb. *desirable.*

29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem, unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem; and [h] the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

h Chap. 7. 6, 9, 28.

32 And we [i] came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

i Neh. 2. 11.

33 ¶ Now, on the fourth day was the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;

34 By number, *and* by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 *Also* the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, [k] offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats *for* a

k So Chap. 6. 17.

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sin-offering: all *this was* a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

36 ¶ And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river; and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Ezra mourneth for the affinity of the people with strangers:* 5 *he prayeth unto God with confession of sins.*

[a] 1 Esdras 8. 68.

NOW, [a] when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

[b] Job 1. 20.

3 And when I heard this thing, [b] I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied.

[c] Chap. 10. 3.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that [c] trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonied until the evening sacrifice.

‖ Or, *affliction.*

5 ¶ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my ‖ heaviness; and, having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,

[d] Psal. 38. 4.

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for [d] our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our ‖ trespass is [e] grown up unto the heavens.

‖ Or, *guiltiness.*
[e] 2 Chron. 28. 9.

7 Since the days of our fathers *have* we *been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

† Heb. *moment.*
‖ Or, *a pin:* that is, *a constant and sure abode:* So Isaiah 22. 23.

8 And now, for a †little space, grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us ‖ a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

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[f] Neh. 9. 36.
[g] Chap. 7. 28.

9 [f] For we *were* bond-men; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but [g] hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and †to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

† Heb. *to set up.*

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

† Heb. *by the hand of thy servants.*

11 Which thou hast commanded †by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it †from one end to another with their uncleanness.

† Heb. *from mouth to mouth:* as 2 Kings 21. 16.

[h] Exod. 23. 32. Deut. 7. 3.
[i] Deut. 23. 6.

12 Now therefore [h] give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, [i] nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God [k] †hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve,* and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;

[k] Psalm 103. 10.
† Heb. *hast withheld beneath our iniquities.*

14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us,* so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous; for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses; for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

CHAP. X.

1 *Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the strange marriages.* 6 *Ezra, mourning, assembleth the people.* 9 *The people, at the exhortation of Ezra, repent, and promise amendment:* 15 *the care to perform it.* 18 *The names of them who had married strange wives.*

[a] 1 Esdras 8. 91.

NOW, [a] when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men, and

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women, and children: for the people † wept very sore.

† Heb. *wept a great weeping.*

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God † to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that [b] tremble at [c] the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

† Heb. *to bring forth.*

[b] Chap. 9. 4.
[c] Deuter. 7. 2, 3.

4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, [d] to swear that they should do according to this word: and they sware.

[d] Neh. 5. 12.

6 ¶ [e] Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib; and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

[e] 1 Esd. 9. 1.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem, unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

8 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be † forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

† Heb. *devoted.*

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days: it *was* the ninth month, and the twentieth *day* of the month; and [f] all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for † the great rain.

[f] See 1 Sam. 12. 18.

† Heb. *the showers.*

10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and † have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

† Heb. *have caused to dwell*, or, *have brought back.*

11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

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13 But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for || we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

|| Or, *we have greatly offended in this thing.*

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God || for this matter be turned from us.

|| Or, *till this matter be dispatched.*

15 ¶ Only Jonathan the son of Asahel, and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah, † were employed about this *matter;* and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

† Heb. *stood.*

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

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18 ¶ And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives; *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they [g] gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and, *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass.

[g] 2 Kings 10. 15.

20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita,) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover, of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

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26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.

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34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedaiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 ‖ Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

‖ Or, *Mahnadebai*, according to some copies.

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Nehemiah, understanding by Hanani the misery of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth, and prayeth:* 4 *his prayer.*

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THE [a] words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

[a] Chap. 10. 1.

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach; [b] the wall of Jerusalem also [c] *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

[b] Chap. 2. 17.
[c] 2 Kings 25. 10.

4 ¶ And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, [d] O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, [e] that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him, and observe his commandments:

[d] Dan. 9. 4.
[e] Exod. 20. 6.

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and [f] thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

[f] 1 Kings 8. 29.

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7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, [g] *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

[g] Levit. 26. 33, &c. Deuter. 4. 25, &c.

9 But *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; [h] though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

[h] Deuter. 30. 4.

10 [i] Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

[i] Dan. 9. 15.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

CHAP. II.

Artaxerxes, understanding the cause of Nehemiah's sadness, sendeth him with letters, &c. to Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of [a] Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was*

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[a] Ezra 7. 1.

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before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

b 1 Kings 1. 31. Dan. 2. 4. & 5. 10. & 6. 6, 21.

3 And said unto the king, [b] Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the † Heb. *wife.* †queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him [c] a time.

c Chap. 5. 14. & 13. 6.

7 Moreover, I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over, till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* [d] to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, [e] according to the good hand of my God upon me.

d Chap. 3. 7.

e Ezra 5. 5. & 7. 6, 9, 28. Verse 18.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. (Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.)

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

f Ezra 8. 32.

11 So I [f] came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

g 2 Chron. 26. 9. †Chap. 3. 15.

13 And I went out by night [g] by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon-well, and to the dung-port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

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14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and *so* returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of [h] the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this* good *work*.

h Verse 8.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? [i] will ye rebel against the king?

i Chap. 6. 6.

20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: [k] but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

k Ezra 4. 3.

CHAP. III.

The names and order of them who builded the wall of Jerusalem.

THEN [a] Eliashib the high priest rose up, with his brethren the priests, [b] and they builded the sheep-gate: they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; [c] even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of [d] Hananeel.

a Chap. 12. 10.

b John 5. 2.

c Chap. 12. 39.

d Jerem. 31. 38.

2 And †next unto him builded [e] the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

† Heb. *at his hand.*

e Ezra 2. 34.

3 [f] But the fish-gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and [g] set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

f 2 Chron. 33. 14. Chap. 12. 39. Zeph. 1. 10.

g Chap. 6. 1. & 7. 1.

4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son

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of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired: but their nobles put not their necks to [h] the work of their Lord.

h Judg. 5. 23.

6 Moreover, [i] the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah: they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

i Chap. 12. 39.

7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of *one of* the apothecaries; and they ||fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.

|| Or, *left Jerusalem unto the broad wall.*

9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half-part of Jerusalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired the † other piece, [k] and the tower of the furnaces.

† Heb. *second measure.*

k Chap. 12. 38.

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half-part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

l Chap. 2. 13.

13 [l] The valley-gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah: they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto [m] the dung-gate.

m Chap. 2. 13.

14 But the dung-gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem: he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

n Chap. 2. 14.

15 But [n] the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah: he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of [o] Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

o John 9. 7.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half-part of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the [p] pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.

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p 2 Kings 20. 20.

17 And after him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half-part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the ruler of the half-part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury, at the turning *of the wall.*

20 After him Baruch the son of ||Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

|| Or, *Zaccai.*

21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib, even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

23 And after him repaired Benjamin and Hashub, over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall,* even unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzzai, over against the turning *of the wall,* and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that *was* by the [q] court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

q Jer 32. 2. & 33. 1. & 37. 21.

26 Moreover, [r] the Nethinims ||dwelt in [s] ||Ophel, unto *the place* over against [t] the water-gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

r Ezra 2. 43.

|| Or, *which dwelt in Ophel,* repaired *unto.*

s 2 Chron. 27. 3.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

|| Or, *the tower.*

t Chap. 8. 1, 3. & 12. 37.

28 [u] From above the horse-gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

u 2 Kings 11. 16. 2 Chron. 23. 15. Jer. 31. 40.

29 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, over against his chamber.

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31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son, unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and
‖ Or, *corner chamber.* to the ‖ going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep-gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

CHAP. IV.

1 *While the enemies scoff, Nehemiah prayeth to God: 7 he setteth a watch.*

a Chap. 2. 10. BUT it came to pass, [a] that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews?
† Heb. *leave to themselves.* will they †fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burnt?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him; and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are
† Heb. *despite.* †despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity;

b Psalms 69. 27, 28. & 109. 14, 15. Jer. 18. 23. 5 And [b] cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 ¶ But it came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of
† Heb. *ascended.* Jerusalem †were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come *and* to fight against
† Heb. *to make an error to it.* Jerusalem, and †to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, ‖ From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be upon you.*

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‖ Or, *That from all places ye must return to us.*

13 ¶ Therefore set I †in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people after their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

† Heb. *from the lower parts of the place, &c.*

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, *which is* great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, [c] and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

c Job 5. 12.

16 And it came to pass, from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other *hand* held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded †by his side, and *so* builded: and he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me.

† Heb. *on his loins.*

19 ¶ And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another:

20 In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: [d] our God shall fight for us.

d Exod. 14. 14, 25. Deut. 1. 30.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, ‖ *saving that* every one put them off for washing.

‖ Or, *every one went with his weapon for water:* See Judg. 5. 11.

CHAP. V.

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1 *The people complain of their debts, mortgage, and bondage.* 6 *Nehemiah causeth restitution:* 14 *he forbeareth his own allowance.*

AND there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, against their brethren the Jews.

2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for them,* that we may eat, and live.

3 *Some* also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards:

a Isa. 58. 7. 5 Yet now [a] our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their

b Exod. 21. 7. children: and, lo, we [b] bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought into bondage *already:* neither *is it* in our power *to redeem them;* for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

† Heb. *my heart consulted in me.* 7 Then † I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, [c] Ye exact

c Exod. 22. 25. Lev. 25. 36. usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them, We, after our ability, have [d] redeemed our brethren the Jews, *which were* sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer.*

d Levit. 25. 48.

e Levit. 25. 36. 9 Also I said, It *is* not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk [e] in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, *and* my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive-yards, and their houses, also the hundreth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore *them,* and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest.

f Ezra 10. 5. Jer. 34. 8, 9. Then I called the priests, [f] and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

13 Also [g] I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and † emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

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g Matth. 10. 14. Acts 13. 51. & 18. 6.

† Heb. *empty, void.*

14 ¶ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year [h] even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is,* twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

h Chap. 13. 6.

15 But the former governors, that *had been* before me, were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants *were* gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover, *there were* at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, besides those that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us.

18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily *was* one ox, *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 [i] Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

i Chap. 13. 22.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Sanballat practiseth to terrify Nehemiah.* 15 *The work is finished.* 17 *Secret intelligence between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.*

NOW it came to pass, [a] when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and || Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein, (b though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates,)

a Chap. 2. 10, 19.

|| Or, *Gashmu,* Verse 6.

b Chap. 3. 1, 3.

2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of [c] Ono: but they thought to do me mischief.

c 1 Chron. 8. 12.

3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so

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that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me, in like manner, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand;

6 Wherein *was* written, It is reported among the heathen, and || Gashmu saith *it*, [d] *that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

|| Or, *Geshem*, Verse 1.
d Chap. 2. 19.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

10 ¶ Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

e Chap. 13. 29.

14 [e] My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

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17 ¶ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah † sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.

† Heb. *multiplied their letters passing to Tobiah.*

18 For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah: and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my || words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

|| Or, *matters.*

CHAP. VII.

1 *Nehemiah committeth the charge of Jerusalem to Hanani and Hananiah.* 5 *A register found of the genealogy of them which came at the first out of Babylon,* 8 *of the people,* 39 *of the priests,* 43 *of the Levites,* 46 *and of the Nethinims.*

NOW it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters, and the singers, and the Levites, were appointed,

2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler [a] of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many.

a Chap. 2. 8.

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them:* and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house.

4 Now the city *was* † large and great; but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded.

† Heb. *broad in spaces.*

5 ¶ And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy: and I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

6 [b] These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;

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b Ezra 2. 1, &c.

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7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ‖ Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah: the number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel *was this;*

‖ Or, *Seraiah:* See Ezra 2. 2.

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

‖ Or, *Bani.*

15 The children of ‖ Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

‖ Or, *Jorah.*

24 The children of ‖ Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

‖ Or, *Gibbar.*

25 The children of ‖ Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of [f] Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

‖ Or, *Azmaveth.*

28 The men of ‖ Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

‖ Or, *Kirjath-arim.*

29 The men of ‖ Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other [c] Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

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c See Verse 12.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 ¶ The priests: the children of [d] Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

d 1 Chron. 24. 7.

40 The children of [e] Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

e 1 Chron. 24. 14.

41 The children of [f] Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

f See 1 Chron. 9. 12. & 24. 9.

42 The children of [g] Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

g 1 Chron. 24. 8.

43 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of ‖ Hodevah, seventy and four.

‖ Or, *Hodaviah,* Ezra 2. 40. or, *Judah,* Ezra 3. 9.

44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.

45 ¶ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 ¶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of ‖ Sia, the children of Padon,

‖ Or, *Siaha.*

48 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagaba, the children of ‖ Shalmai,

‖ Or, *Shamlai.*

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Bezai, the children of Meunim, the children of ‖ Nephishesim,

‖ Or, *Mephusim.*

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of ‖ Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

‖ Or, *Bazluth.*

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ‖ Perida,

‖ Or, *Peruda.*

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58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Amon.

‖ Or, *Ami.*

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

h Ezra 2. 59.

61 h And these *were* they which went up *also* from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, ‖ Addon, and Immer; but they could not shew their father's house, nor their ‖ seed, whether they *were* of Israel.

‖ Or, *Addan.*

‖ Or, *pedigree.*

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.

63 ¶ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

‖ Or, *the governor.*

65 And ‖ the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore;

67 Besides their man-servants and their maid-servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing-men and singing-women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

69 *Their* camels, four hundred thirty and five; six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

† Heb. *part.*

i Chap. 8. 9.

70 ¶ And † some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work: i the Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

71 And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

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73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities: and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

The religious manner of reading and hearing the law.

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AND all a the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* b before the water-gate; and they spake unto Ezra the c scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

a Ezra 3. 1. 1 Esd. 9. 38.

b Chap. 3. 26.

c Ezra 7. 6.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all † that could hear with understanding, d upon the first day of the seventh month.

† Heb. *that understood in hearing.*

d Levit. 23. 24.

3 And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water-gate † from the morning until mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand: and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law.

† Heb. *from the light.*

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a † pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam.

† Heb. *tower of wood.*

5 And Ezra opened the book in the † sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

† Heb. *eyes.*

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God: and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

e Ezra 2. 63. Chap. 10. 1.

9 ¶ e And Nehemiah, which *is* ‖ the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the

‖ Or, *the governor.*

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scribe, [f] and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, [g] This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; [h] mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

f 2 Chron. 35. 3. Verse 8.
g Numb. 29. 1.
h Deut. 16. 14, 15.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, [i] and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

i Esther 9. 19, 22. Rev. 11. 10.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even ‖ to understand the words of the law.

‖ Or, *that they might instruct in the words of the law.*

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded † by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in [k] booths in the feast of the seventh month:

† Heb. *by the hand of.*
k Levit. 23. 34. Deuter. 16. 13. 1 Levit. 23. 4.

15 And [l] that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive-branches, and pine-branches, and myrtle-branches, and palm-branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water-gate, [m] and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

m 2 Kings 14. 13. Chap. 12. 39.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so: and there was very great gladness.

18 Also [n] day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God: and they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* † a solemn assembly, [o] according unto the manner.

n Deuter. 31. 10, &c.

† Heb. *a restraint.*
o Levit. 23. 36.

CHAP. IX.

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1 *A solemn fast and repentance of the people.* 4 *The Levites confess God's goodness and their wickedness.*

NOW, in the twenty and fourth day of [a] this month, the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, [b] and earth upon them.

a Chap. 8. 2.
b Josh. 7. 6. 1 Sam. 4. 12. Job 2. 12.

2 And [c] the seed of Israel separated themselves from all † strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

c Ezra 10. 11. Chap. 13. 3, 30.
† Heb. *strange children.*

3 And they stood up in their place, and [d] read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

d Chap. 8. 7, 8.

4 ¶ Then stood up upon the ‖stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

‖ Or, *scaffold.*

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone: [e] thou hast made heaven, [f] the heaven of heavens, with [g] all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

e Gen. 1. 1. Rev. 14. 7.
f Deuter. 10. 14. 1 Kings 8. 27.
g Genes. 2. 1.

7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose [h] Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of [i] Abraham:

h Genes. 11. 31. & 12. 1.
i Genes. 17. 5.

8 And foundest his heart [k] faithful before thee, and madest a [l] covenant with him, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give *it, I say,* to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:

k Genes. 15. 6.
l Genes. 12. 7. & 15. 18. & 17. 7, 8.

9 [m] And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and [n] heardest their cry by the Red sea:

m Exod. 2. 25. & 3. 7.
n Exod. 14. 10.

10 And [o] shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them: so didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day.

o Exod. 7. 8, 9, 10, 12, & 14. Chapters.

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11 [p]And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, [q]as a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover, thou [r]leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

13 [s]Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and †true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

15 And [t]gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and [u]broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should [x]go in to possess the land †which thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed [y]a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* †a God ready to pardon, [z]gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yea, [a]when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy god that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou, in thy manifold mercies, forsookest them not in the wilderness: the [b]pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy [c]good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy [d]manna from their mouth, and gavest them [e]water for their thirst.

21 Yea, [f]forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing: their [g]clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover, thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of [h]Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan.

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23 [i]Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess *it*.

24 So [k]the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them †as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all goods, ‖wells digged, vineyards and olive-yards, and †fruit-trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and [l]became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and [m]cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy [n]prophets, which testified against them to turn them to thee; and they wrought great provocations.

27 [o]Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and, according to thy manifold mercies, thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, †they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them, according to thy mercies;

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, ([p]which if a man do, he shall live in them,) and †withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear:

30 Yet many years didst thou †forbear them, and testifiedst [q]against

p Exod. 14. 21, 22, &c.
q Exod. 15. 5, 10.
r Exod. 13. 21.
s Exod. 19. 20. & 20. 1.
† Heb. *laws of truth.*
t Exod. 16. 14, 15.
u Exod. 17. 6. Numb. 20. 9, &c.
x Deut. 1. 8.
† Heb. *which thou hadst lift up thine hand to give them,* Numb. 14. 30.
y Numb. 14. 4.
† Heb. *a God of pardons.*
z Exod. 34. 6. Numb. 14. 18. Psalm 86. 5, 15.
a Exod. 32. 1.
b Exod. 13. 22. Numb. 14. 14. 1 Corinth. 10. 1.
c Numb. 11. 17. Isa. 63. 11.
d Exod. 16. 15. Josh. 5. 12.
e Exod. 17. 6.
f Deuter. 2. 7.
g Deuter. 8. 4. & 29. 5.
h Numb. 21. 21, &c.
i Genes. 22. 17.
k Joshua 1. 2, &c.
† Heb. *according to their will.*
‖ Or, *cisterns.*
† Heb. *trees of food.*
l Deuter. 32. 15.
m 1 Kings 14. 9.
n 1 Kings 18. 4. & 19. 10. 2 Chron. 24. 20, 21.
o Judges 2. 14. & 3. 8, &c.
† Heb. *they returned to do evil.*
p Levit. 18. 5.
† Heb. *they gave a withdrawing shoulder,* Zech. 7. 11.
† Heb. *protract over them.*
q 2 Kings 17. 13. 2 Chron. 36. 15.

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them by thy Spirit †[r] in thy prophets; yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

† Heb. *in the hand of thy prophets.*
r See Acts 7. 51. 1 Peter 1. 11.

31 Nevertheless, for thy great mercies' sake, [s] thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them: for thou *art* a gracious and merciful God.

s Jer. 4. 27.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the [t] mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the † trouble seem little before thee † that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

t Exod. 34. 6, 7.
† Heb. *weariness.*
† Heb. *that hath found us.*

33 Howbeit [u] thou *art* just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

u Dan. 9. 14.

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, [x] we *are* servants this day; and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in it:

x Ezra 9. 9. Bar. 3. 8.

37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we *are* in great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure *covenant,* and write *it;* and our princes, Levites, *and* priests, † seal *unto it.*

† Heb. are *at the sealing,* or, *sealed.*

CHAP. X.

1 *The names of them that sealed the covenant:* 29 *the points thereof.*

NOW † those that sealed *were,* [a] Nehemiah ‖ the Tirshatha, [b] the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

† Heb. *at the sealings.*
a Chap. 8. 9.
‖ Or, *The governor.*
b Chap. 1. 1.

2 [c] Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harum, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the priests.

c See Chap. 12. 1,---21.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel:

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10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The chief of the people: [d] Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

d See Ezra 2. 3, &c. Chap. 7. 8, &c.

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ [e] And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, [f] and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

e Ezra 2. 36,---43.
f Ezra 9. 1. Chap. 13. 3.

29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, [g] and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given † by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments, and his statutes;

g Chap. 5. 12, 13. Psalm 119. 106.
† Heb. *by the hand of.*

30 And that we would not give [h] our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

h Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

31 [i] And *if* the people of the land bring ware, or any victuals, on the sabbath-day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy-day; and *that* we would leave the [k] seventh year, and the [l] exaction of † every debt.

i Exod. 20. 10. Levit. 23. 3 Deut. 5. 12 Chap. 13. 15, &c.
k Exod. 23. 10, 11. Levit. 25. 4.
l Deuter. 15. 1, 2. Chap. 5. 12.
† Heb. *every hand.*

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

33 For [m] the shew-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, [n] of the sabbaths, of the new-moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things,* and for the sin-offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God.

m Levit. 24. 5, &c. 1 Chron. 9. 32.
n See Num. 28. & 29.

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34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, [o] for the wood-offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon [p] the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law:

35 And [q] to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

36 Also the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, (as *it is* written [r] in the law,) and the firstlings of our herds, and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 [s] And *that* we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine, and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and [t] the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, [u] when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi [x] shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: [y] and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The rulers voluntarily, and the tenth man chosen by lot, dwell at Jerusalem:* 3 *a catalogue of their names.*

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring [a] one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ¶ [b] Now these *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit,* Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and [c] the Nethinims, and [d] the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And [e] at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin: of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of [f] Perez;

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5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these *are* the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer; and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

10 [g] Of the priests; Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, || the son of *one of* the great men.

15 Also of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, † *had* the oversight of [h] the outward business of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four.

o Chap. 13. 31.
p Lev. 6. 12.
q Exod. 23. 19. & 34. 26. Lev. 19. 23.
r Exod. 13. 2, 12, 13. Lev. 27. 27. Numb. 18. 15, 16.
s Lev. 25. 17. Numb. 15. 19. & 18. 12, &c. Deut. 18. 4. & 26. 2.
t Lev. 27. 30. Numb. 18. 21, &c.
u Numb. 18. 26.
x Deuter. 12. 6, 11.
y Chap. 13. 10, 11.
a Verse 18. Matth. 4. 5. & 27. 53.
b 1 Chron. 9. 2.
c Ezra 2. 43.
d Ezra 2. 55.
e 1 Chron. 9. 3, &c.
f Genes. 38. 29. *Pharez.*
g 1 Chron. 9. 10, &c.
|| Or, *the son of Haggedolim.*
† Heb. were *over.*
h 1 Chron. 26. 29.

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19 Moreover, the porters: Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept † the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.

† Heb. *at the gates.*

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the priests *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 [i] But the Nethinims dwelt in || Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the Nethinims.

i See Chap. 3. 26.

|| Or, *the tower.*

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha: of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.

23 For [k] *it was* the king's commandment concerning them, that a || certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

k See Ezra 6. 8, 9. & 7. 20, &c.

|| Or, *sure ordinance.*

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of [l] Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

l Genes. 38. 30. *Zarah.*

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in* the villages thereof,

26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet,

27 And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and *in* the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and *in* the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin || from Geba *dwelt* || at Michmash, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages,

|| Or, *of Geba.*

|| Or, *to Michmash.*

32 *And* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, [m] the valley of craftsmen.

m 1 Chron. 4. 14.

36 And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The priests which came up with Zerubbabel.* 10 *The succession of high priests.*

536. a Ezra 2. 1.

NOW these *are* the [a] priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:

b See Chap. 10. 2,...8.

[b] Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, || Malluch, Hattush,

3 || Shechaniah, || Rehum, || Meremoth,

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4 Iddo, || Ginnetho, [c] Abijah,

|| Or, *Melicu,* Verse 14.

5 || Miamin, || Maadiah, Bilgah,

|| Or, *Shebaniah,* Verse 14.

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 || Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These *were* the chief of the priests, and of their brethren, in the days of [d] Jeshua.

|| Or, *Harim,* Verse 15.

|| Or, *Meraioth,* Verse 15.

8 Moreover, the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over || the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

|| Or, *Ginnethon,* Verse 16.

c Luke 1. 5.

|| Or, *Miniamin,* Verse 17.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.

|| Or, *Moadiah,* Verse 17.

|| Or, *Sallai,* Verse 20.

10 ¶ And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada,

d Ezra 3. 2. Hag. 1. 1. Zech. 3. 1.

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

|| That is, *the psalms of thanksgiving.*

12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin; of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 ¶ The Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers; also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the [e] Chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

e 1 Chron. 9. 14, &c.

24 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, [f] according to the commandment of David the man of God, [g] ward over against ward.

f 1 Chron. 24. & 25. & 26.

g Ezra 3. 11.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Ak-

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kub, *were* porters, keeping the ward, at the || thresholds of the gates.

|| Or, *treasuries*, or, *assemblies*.

26 These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe.

445. h Deuter. 20. 5. Psalm 30. title.

27 ¶ And at [h] the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, [i] both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

i 1 Chron. 25. 6.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;

29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof* [k] *one* went on the right hand upon the wall [l] toward the dung-gate;

k See Verse 38. l Chap. 2. 13. & 3. 13.

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah;

35 And *certain* of the priests' sons [m] with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;

m Numb. 10. 2, 8.

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with [n] the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

n 1 Chron. 23. 5.

37 [o] And at the fountain-gate, which was over against them, they went up by [p] the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto [q] the water-gate eastward.

o Chap. 2. 14. & 3. 15. p Chap. 3. 15. q Chap. 3. 26. & 8. 1, 3, 16.

38 And the other *company of them that gave* thanks went over against *them*, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond [r] the tower of the furnaces even unto [s] the broad wall;

r Chap. 3. 11. s Chap. 3. 8.

39 [t] And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above [u] the old gate, and above [x] the fish-gate, [y] and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto [z] the sheep-gate: and they stood still in the prison-gate.

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t 2 Kings 14. 13. Chap. 8. 16. u Chap. 3. 6. x Chap. 3. 3. y Chap. 3. 1. z Chap. 3. 32. Jer. 32. 2.

40 So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets;

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer: and the singers † sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer.

† Heb. *made* their voice *to be heard.*

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ [a] And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, out of the fields of the cities, the portions || of the law for the priests and Levites: † for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites † that waited.

a Chap. 13. 5, 12.

|| That is, *appointed by the law.* † Heb. *for the joy of Judah.* † Heb. *that stood.*

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, [b] according to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son.

b 1 Chron. 25. & 26.

46 For in the days of David [c] and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

c 1 Chron. 25. 1, &c. 2 Chron. 29. 30.

47 And all Israel, in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they || sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; [d] and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

|| That is, *set apart.* d Numb. 18. 26.

CHAP. XIII.

Upon the reading of the law separation is made from the mixed multitude.

ON that day † they read in the book of Moses in the † audience of the people; and therein was found written, [a] that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

† Heb. *there was read.* † Heb. *ears.* a Deuter. 23. 3, 4.

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with

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water, but [b] hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: [c] howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

b Numb. 22. 5. Josh. 24. 9.
c Deuter. 23. 5.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, [d] that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

d Chap. 9. 2. & 10. 28.

4 ¶ And before this, Eliashib the priest, †having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah:

† Heb. *being set over.*

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, [e] where aforetime they laid the meat-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, (†which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters,) and the offerings of the priests.

e Chap. 12. 44.

† Heb. *the commandment of the Levites.*

6 But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: [f] for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and †after certain days ||obtained I leave of the king.

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f Chap. 5. 14.

† Heb. *at the end of days.*
‖ Or, *I earnestly requested.*

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore; therefore I cast forth all the household-stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat-offering and the frankincense.

g Mal. 3. 8.

10 ¶ And I perceived that [g] the portions of the Levites had not been given *them:* for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to [h] his field.

h Numb. 35. 2.

11 Then [i] contended I with the rulers, and said, [k] Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their †place.

i Verse 17, 25.
k Chap. 10. 39.

† Heb. *standing.*

12 [l] Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, and the new wine, and the oil, unto the ||treasuries.

l Chap. 12. 44.

‖ Or, *storehouses.*

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe; and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and †next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful; and †their office *was* to distribute unto their brethren.

† Heb. *at their hand.*

‡ Heb. *it was upon them.*

14 [m] Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my †good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the ||offices thereof.

m Verse 22, 31. Chap. 5. 19.

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† Heb. *kindnesses.*
‖ Or, *observations.*

15 ¶ In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath-day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

17 [n] Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath-day?

n Verse 11.

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel, by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that, when the gates of Jerusalem [o] began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath; [p] and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath-day.

o Levit. 23. 32.

p Jerem. 17. 21, 22.

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kind of ware, lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye †about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

† Heb. *before the wall?*

22 And I commanded the Levites, that [q] they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath-day. [r] Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the ||greatness of thy mercy.

q Chap. 12. 30.
r Verse 14, 31.
‖ Or, *multitude.*

23 ¶ In those days also saw I Jews *that* †[s] had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab:

† Heb. *had made to dwell with them.*
s Ezra 9. 2.

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and †could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language †of each people.

† Heb. *they discerned not to speak.*
† Heb. *of people and people.*

25 And I contended with them, and ||cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying,* Ye shall not give your daughters unto

‖ Or, *reviled them.*

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their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

t 1 Kings 3. 13. 2 Chron. 1. 12.
u 2 Sam. 12. 24.
x 1 Kings 11. 1, 4.

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet [t] among many nations was there no king like him, [u] who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: [x] nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God, in marrying strange wives?

y Chap. 12. 10, 22.

28 And *one* of the sons [y] of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

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z Chap. 6. 14.
† Heb. *for the defilings.*
a Mal. 2. 4, 11, 12. Chap. 10. 30.

29 [z] Remember them, O my God, † because they have defiled the priesthood, and [a] the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

b Chap. 12. 1, &c.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and [b] appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

c Chap. 10. 34.

31 And for [c] the wood-offering at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. [d] Remember me, O my God, for good.

d Verse 14, 22.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Ahasuerus maketh royal feasts.*
10 *Vashti sent for, refuseth to come.*

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NOW it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, [a] from India even unto Ethiopia, [b] *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

a Chap. 8. 9.
b Dan. 6. 1.
‖ Esd. 3. 2.

2 *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace,

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3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes, and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honour of his excellent majesty, many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were † present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

† Heb. *found.*

6 *Where were* white, green, and ‖ blue *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: [c] the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement ‖ of red, and blue, and white, and black marble.

‖ Or, *violet.*
c See Chap. 7. 8. Ezekiel 23. 41. Amos 2. 8. & 6. 4.
‖ Or, *of porphyre, and marble, and alabaster, and stone of blue colour.*

7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and † royal wine in abundance, † according to the state of the king.

† Heb. *wine of the kingdom.*

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

† Heb. *according to the hand of the king.*

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9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus.

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, [d] Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven ‖ chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

d Chap. 7. 9.
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*

11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown-royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty; for she *was* † fair to look on.

† Heb. *good of countenance.*

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment † by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

† Heb. *which was by the hand of* his *eunuchs.*

13 ¶ Then the king said to the wise men, [e] which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

e 1 Chron. 12. 32.

14 And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the [f] seven princes of Persia and Media, [g] which saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom,)

f Ezra 7. 14.
g 2 Kings 25. 19.

15 † What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

† Heb. *What to do.*

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

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17 For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.

† Heb. *If it be good with the king.* † Heb. *from before him.* † Heb. *that it pass not away,* Chap. 8. 8. Dan. 6.8,15. † Heb. *unto her companion.*

19 †If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment †from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, †that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate †unto another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree, which he shall make, shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

† Heb. *was good in the eyes of the king.*

21 And the saying †pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, [h] into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house; and †that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

h Chap. 8. 9.

† Heb. *that one should publish* it *according to the language of his people.*

CHAP. II.

1 *Out of many fair virgins a queen is to be chosen.* 15 *Esther elected.*

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AFTER these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, †unto the custody of ||Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them:*

† Heb. *unto the hand.* ‖ Or, *Hegai,* Verse 8.

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 ¶ *Now,* in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

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6 [a] Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with ||Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

a 2 Kings 24. 14, 15. 2 Chron. 36. 10. Jer. 24. 1. ‖ Or, *Jehoiachin,* 2 Kings 24. 6.

7 And he †brought up Hadassah, (that *is,* Esther,) [b] his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* †fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai (when her father and mother were dead) took for his own daughter.

† Heb. *nourished.* b Verse 15. † Heb. *fair of form, and good of countenance.*

8 ¶ So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with †such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and †he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

† Heb. *her portions.* † Heb. *he changed her.*

10 [c] Esther had not shewed her people, nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it.*

c Verse 20.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, †to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

† Heb. *to know the peace.*

12 ¶ Now, when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit,* six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women,)

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13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines:

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she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

15 ¶ Now, when the turn of Esther, [d] the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai, (who had taken her for his daughter,) was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed: and Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

d Verse 7.

16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus, into his house-royal, in the tenth month, (which *is* the month Tebeth,) in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and ‖ favour † in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

‖ Or, *kindness.*
† Heb. *before him.*

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18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast: and he made a † release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

† Heb. *rest.*

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

e Verse 10.

20 [e] Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred nor her people, as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

f See Esther 12. 1.

21 ¶ [f] In those days, (while Mordecai sat in the king's gate,) two of the king's chamberlains, ‖ Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept † the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

‖ Or, *Bigthana,* Chap. 6. 2.
† Heb. *the threshold.*

22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in [g] the book of the Chronicles before the king.

g Chap. 6. 1.

CHAP. III.

Haman, advanced by the king, and despised by Mordecai, seeketh revenge upon all the Jews.

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AFTER these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha [a] the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

a See the rest of Esther, Chap. 16. 10.

2 And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him: but Mordecai [b] bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.

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b Deuter. 25. 19. The rest of Esther, Chap. 13. 12.

3 Then the king's servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the [c] king's commandment.

c Verse 2.

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand; for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai,

7 ¶ In the first month, (that *is,* the month Nisan,) in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, [d] they cast Pur, that *is,* the lot, before Haman, from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month,* that *is,* the month Adar.

d Chap. 9. 24.

8 ¶ And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad, and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and [e] their laws *are* diverse from all people, neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not † for the king's profit to suffer them.

e Ezra 4. 13. Acts 16. 20.
† Heb. *meet,* or, *equal.*

9 If it please the king, let it be written † that they may be destroyed; and I will † pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.

† Heb. *to destroy them.*
† Heb. *weigh.*

10 And the king [f] took [g] his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' ‖ enemy.

f Genes. 41. 42.
g Chap. 8. 2, 8.
‖ Or, *oppressor.*

11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 [h] Then were the king's ‖ scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written (according to all that Haman had commanded) unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, [i] according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the

h Chap. 8. 9.
‖ Or, *secretaries.*
i Chap. 1. 22. & 8. 9.

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name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, [k] in one day, *even* upon [l] the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, (which *is* the month Adar,) and [m] *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

k Chap. 8. 12, &c.
l 2 Maccab. 15. 36.
m Chap. 8. 11.

14 The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment; and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but [n] the city Shushan was perplexed.

n See Chap. 8. 15.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Mordecai and the Jews mourn.*
15 *Esther appointeth a fast.*

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WHEN Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth [a] with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

a Josh. 7. 6. Ezek. 27. 30.

2 And came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and † many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

† Heb. *sackcloth and ashes were laid under many,* Isa. 58. 5. Dan. 9. 3.

4 ¶ So Esther's maids and her † chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.

† Heb. *eunuchs.*

5 Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, † whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*.

† Heb. *whom he had set before her.*

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate:

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them:

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

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9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, [b] *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such [c] to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

b Dan. 2. 9.
c Chapters 5. 2. & 8. 4.

12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there † enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

† Heb. *respiration.*

15 ¶ Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer;*

16 Go, gather together all the Jews *that are* † present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink [d] three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: [e] and if I perish, I perish.

† Heb. *found.*
d See Chap. 5. 1.
e See Gen. 43. 14.

17 So Mordecai † went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

† Heb. *passed.*

CHAP. V.

Esther, obtaining the king's favour, and promised her request, she inviteth the king and Haman to a banquet.

NOW it came to pass [a] on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in [b] the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

a See Chap. 4. 16.
b See Chap. 6. 4.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* [c] she obtained favour in

c See the rest of Esther, 15. A

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his sight: and [d] the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

[d] Chap. 8. 4.

3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request? [e] it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

[e] So Mark 6. 23.

4 And Esther answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

[f] Chap. 7. 2.

6 ¶ [f] And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, [g] What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

[g] Chap. 9. 12.

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *is;*

8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and † to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

† Heb. *to do.*

9 ¶ Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and † called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

† Heb. *caused to come.*

11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and [h] the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

[h] Chap. 9. 7, &c.

12 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 ¶ Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a † gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to-morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon; then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused [i] the gallows to be made.

† Heb. *tree.*

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[i] Chap. 7. 9.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Ahasuerus rewardeth Mordecai:* 11 *Haman doeth him honour.*

ON that night † could not the king sleep; and he commanded to bring [a] the book of records of the Chronicles; and they were read before the king.

† Heb. *the king's sleep fled away.*

[a] Chap. 2. 23.

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of || Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the † door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

|| Or, *Bigthan,* Chap. 2. 21.

† Heb. *threshold.*

3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 ¶ And the king said, Who *is* in the court? (Now Haman was come into [b] the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.)

[b] See Chap. 5. 1.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man † whom the king delighteth to honour? (Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?)

† Heb. *in whose honour the king delighteth.*

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man † whom the king delighteth to honour,

† Heb. *in whose honour the king delighteth.*

8 † Let the royal apparel be brought † which the king *useth* to wear, and [c] the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown-royal which is set upon his head:

† Heb. *Let them bring the royal apparel.*

† Heb. *wherewith the king clotheth* himself.

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honour, and † bring him on horseback through the street of the city, [d] and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

[c] 1 Kings 1. 33.

† Heb. *cause him to ride.*

[d] Genes. 41. 43.

10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: † let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

† Heb. *suffer not a whit to fall.*

11 Then took Haman the apparel, and the horse, and arrayed Morde-

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cai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

12 ¶ And Mordecai came again to the king's gate: but Haman [e] hasted to his house mourning, [f] and having his head covered.

e 2 Chron. 26. 20.
f 2 Sam. 15. 30. Jer. 14. 3, 4.

13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Esther sueth for her own life and the lives of her people.* 9 *The king causeth Haman to be hanged upon his own gallows.*

† Heb. *to drink.*

SO the king and Haman came † to banquet with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day, [a] at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

a Chap. 5. 6.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

b Chap. 3. 9. & 4. 7.
† Heb. *that they should destroy and kill, and cause to perish.*

4 For we are [b] sold, I and my people, † to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish: but if we had been sold for bond-men and bond-women, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, † that durst presume in his heart to do so?

† Heb. *whose heart hath filled him.*

6 And Esther said, † The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid || before the king and the queen.

† Heb. *The man adversary.*
|| Or, *at the presence of.*

7 ¶ And the king, arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace-garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace-garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon [c] the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also † before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they [d] covered Haman's face.

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c Chap. 1. 6.
† Heb. *with me.*
d Job 9. 24.

9 And [e] Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also the † gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

e Chap. 1. 10.
† Heb. *tree.*

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Mordecai is advanced.* 7 *Ahasuerus granteth to the Jews to defend themselves.* 15 *Mordecai's honour, and the Jews' joy.*

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, unto Esther the queen: and Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told [a] what he *was* unto her.

a Chap. 2. 7.

2 And the king took off [b] his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

b Chap. 3. 10.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, † and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

† Heb. *and she wept, and besought him.*

4 Then [c] the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

c Chap. 4. 11. & 5. 2.

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse † the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, || which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all the king's provinces:

† Heb. *the device.*
|| Or, *who wrote.*

6 For how can I † endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

† Heb. *be able that I may see.*

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and

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him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, [d] may no man reverse.

d See Chap. 1. 19. Daniel 6. 8, 12, 15.

9 [e] Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, (that *is*, the month Sivan,) on the three and twentieth *day* thereof: and it was written (according to all that Mordecai commanded) unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* [f] from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province [g] according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

e Chap. 3. 12.

f Chap. 1. 1.

g Chap. 1. 22. & 3. 12.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed *it* with the king's ring; and sent letters by posts on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and [h] *to take* the spoil of them for a prey,

h See Chap. 9. 10, 15, 16.

12 [i] Upon one day, in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar.

i Chap. 3. 13, &c. & 9. 1.

13 ¶ The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, *was* † published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

† Heb. *revealed.*

14 *So* the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of || blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and [k] the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

|| Or, *violet.*

k See Chap. 3. 15.

16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast [l] and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

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l 1 Sam. 25. 8. Chap. 9. 19, 22.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The Jews slay their enemies, with the ten sons of Haman.* 20 *The two days of Purim are made festival.*

NOW, [a] in the twelfth month, (that *is*, the month Adar,) on the thirteenth day of the same, [b] when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them,)

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b Chap. 3. 13.

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities, throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and † officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

† Heb. *those which did the business that* belonged *to the king.*

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did † what they would unto those that hated them.

† Heb. *according to their will.*

6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; [c] but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

c See Chap. 8. 11.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace † was brought before the king.

† Heb. *came.*

12 ¶ And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons

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of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now, [d] what *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.

d Chap. 5. 6. & 7. 2.

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shushan to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and † let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

† Heb. *let them hang.*

14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

15 For the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; [e] but on the prey they laid not their hand.

e Verse 10.

16 But the other Jews that *were* in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand (but they laid not their hands on the prey)

17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day † of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

† Heb. *in it.*

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar [f] *a day of* gladness and feasting, [g] and a good day, and of [h] sending portions one to another.

f Deut. 16. 11, 14.
g Chap. 8. 17.
h Nehem. 8. 10, 12.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far,

21 To stablish *this* among them, that they should keep [i] the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

i See 2 Mac. 15. 36.

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of [k] sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

k Nehem. 8. 10.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;

24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and [l] had cast Pur (that *is*, the lot) to † consume them, and to destroy them:

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l Chap. 3. 6, 7.
† Heb. *crush.*

25 But † [m] when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

† Heb. *when she came.*
m Verses 13, 14. Chap. 7. 5, &c. & 8. 3, &c.

26 Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of || Pur: therefore, for all the words of [n] this letter, and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

|| That is, *Lot.*
n Verse 20.

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not † fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time, every year;

† Heb. *pass*

28 And *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not † fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them † perish from their seed.

† Heb. *pass.*
† Heb. *be ended.*

29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with † all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

† Heb. *all strength.*

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth,

31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed † for themselves, and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

† Heb. *for their souls.*

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

CHAP. X.

1 *The greatness of Ahasuerus.* 3 *Mordecai's advancement.*

AND the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the isles of the sea.

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2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king † advanced him, *are* they not

† Heb. *made him great.*

written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

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The Book of JOB *.

* *Moses* is thought to have wrote the Book of *Job* whilst among the *Midianites*.

CHAP. I.

1 *The holiness, riches, and religious care of Job for his children:* 6 *Satan, appearing before God, by calumniation, obtaineth leave to tempt Job.*

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THERE was a man [a] in the land of Uz, whose name *was* [b] Job; and that man was [c] perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His ‖ substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great ‖ household; so that this man was the greatest of all the † men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters, to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, [d] and offered burnt-offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and [e] cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job † continually.

6 ¶ Now [f] there was a day [g] when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and † Satan came also † among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From [h] going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, † Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his ‖ substance is increased in the land:

11 [i] But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, † and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy † power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them;

15 And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, ‖ The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burnt up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and † fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind † from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, [k] and rent his ‖ mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, [l] Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and

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‖ Or, *cattle.*

i Chap. 2. 5. & 19. 21.

† Heb. *if he curse thee not to thy face.*

† Heb. *hand.*

‖ Or, *husbandry.*

† Heb. *sons of the east.*

‖ Or, *A great fire.*

† Heb. *rushed.*

† Heb. *from aside, &c.*

k Genes. 37. 29. Ezra 9. 3.

‖ Or, *robe.*

l Psalm 49. 17. Eccl. 5. 15. 1 Tim. 6. 7.

a Gen. 22. 20, 21.
b Ezekiel 14. 14. Jam. 5. 11.
c Chap. 2. 3.
‖ Or, *cattle.*
d Genes. 8. 20. Chap. 42. 8.
e 1 Kings 21. 10, 13.
† Heb. *all the days.*
f Chap. 2. 1.
g 1 Kings 22. 19. Chap. 38. 7.
† Heb. *the adversary,* 1 Chron. 21. 1. Revel. 12. 9, 10.
† Heb. *in the midst of them.*
h Chap. 2. 2. Matt. 12. 43. 1 Pet. 5. 8.
† Heb. *Hast thou set thy heart on.*

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the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 [m] In all this Job sinned not, nor || charged God foolishly.

m Chap. 2. 10.
|| Or, *attributed folly to God.*

CHAP. II.

1 *Satan, appearing again before God, obtaineth further leave to tempt Job:* 7 *he smiteth him with sore boils.* 9 *Job reproveth his wife, moving him to curse God.*

a Chap. 1. 6.

AGAIN [a] there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them, to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And

b Chap. 1. 7.

[b] Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in

c Chap. 1. 1, 8.

the earth, [c] a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou

† Heb. *to swallow him up.*

movedst me against him, †to [d] destroy him without cause.

d Chap. 9. 17.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin; yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life:

e Chap. 1. 11.

5 [e] But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

f Chap. 1. 12.

6 [f] And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; || but

|| Or, *only.*

save his life.

7 ¶ So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to

g 2 Sam. 13. 19. Chap. 42. 6. Matth. 11. 21.

scrape himself withal; [g] and he sat down among the ashes.

9 ¶ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What! shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall

h Chap. 1. 22.

we not receive evil? [h] In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now, when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made

i Chap. 42. 11.

an appointment together to come [i] to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and

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k Nehem. 9. 1. Lam. 2. 10. Ezekiel 27. 30.

[k] sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground [l] seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

l Genes. 50. 10.

CHAP. III.

1 *Job curseth the day and services of his birth.* 13 *The ease of death.*

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

† Heb. *answered.*

2 And Job †spake, and said,

3 [a] Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man-child conceived.

a Chap. 10. 18, 19. Jer. 15. 10. & 20. 14.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and [b] the shadow of death || stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; || let the blackness of the day terrify it.

b Chap. 16. 16. Psalm 23. 4.
|| Or, *challenge it.*
|| Or, *let them terrify it, as those who have a bitter day,* Amos 8. 10.

6 *As for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; || let it not be joined unto the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.

|| Or, *let it not rejoice among the days.*

7 Lo, let that night be solitary; let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up || their mourning.

|| Or, *a leviathan.*

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see †the dawning of the day:

† Heb. *the eyelids of the morning,* Chap. 41. 18.

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 [c] Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

c Chap. 10. 18.

12 [d] Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

d Gen. 30. 3. Isa. 66. 12.

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which [e] built desolate places for themselves;

e Chap. 15. 28.

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or [f] as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

f Psalm 58. 8.

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the †weary be at rest.

† Heb. *wearied in strength.*

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18 *There* the prisoners rest together; [g] they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

[g] Chap. 39. 7.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

† Heb. *wait.*

21 Which †[h] long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

[h] Rev. 9. 6.

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and* are glad when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, [i] and whom God hath hedged in?

[i] Chap. 19. 8. Lam. 3. 7.

† Heb. *before my meat.*

24 For my sighing cometh † before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

† Heb. I *feared a fear, and it came upon me.*

25 For † the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job for want of religion: 7 he teacheth God's judgments not to be for the righteous, but for the wicked: 12 his fearful vision, to humble the excellencies of creatures before God.*

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

† Heb. *a word.*

† Heb. *who can refrain from words?*

2 *If* we assay † to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but † who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou [a] hast strengthened † the feeble knees.

a Isa. 35. 3.

† Heb. *the bowing knees,* Hebr. 12. 12.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

b Psalm 7. 14. Prov. 22. 8. Hos. 10. 13. Gal. 6. 7, 8.

8 Even as I have seen, [b] they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

‖ That is, *by his anger,* as Isai. 30. 33. See Exod. 15. 8. Chap. 1. 19. & 15. 30. Isai. 11. 4. 2 Thes. 2. 8.

9 By the blast of God they perish, and ‖ by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

c Psalm 58. 6.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and [c] the teeth of the young lions, are broken.

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11 [d] The old lion perished for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are scattered abroad.

d Psalm 34. 10.

† Heb. *by stealth.*

12 Now a thing was † secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

e Chap. 33. 15.

13 [e] In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

† Heb. *met me.*

† Heb. *the multitude of my bones.*

14 Fear † came upon me, and trembling, which made † all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes: ‖ *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying,*

‖ Or, *I heard a still voice.*

f Chap. 9. 2.

17 [f] Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his Maker?

g Chap. 15. 15. & 25. 5. 2 Pet. 2. 4.

18 Behold, he [g] put no trust in his servants; ‖ and his angels he charged with folly:

‖ Or, *nor in his angels,* in whom *he put light.*

h Chap. 15. 16. i 2 Cor. 5. 1.

19 [h] How much less *in* them that dwell in [i] houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed before the moth?

k Psal. 90. 5.

† Heb. *beaten in pieces.*

20 [k] They are † destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever, without any regarding *it.*

l Psal. 39. 11. & 49. 14. m chap. 36. 12.

21 [l] Doth not their excellency *which is* in them go away? [m] they die, even without wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 *The harm of inconsideration.* 3 *The end of the wicked is misery.* 6 *God is to be regarded in affliction.* 17 *The happy end of God's correction.*

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou ‖ turn?

‖ Or, *look.*

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and ‖ envy slayeth the silly one.

‖ Or, *indignation.*

3 [a] I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

a Psalm 37. 35.

4 [b] His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them.*

b Psalms 119. 155. & 127. 5.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and [c] the robber swalloweth up their substance.

c Chap. 18. 9.

‖ Or, *iniquity.*

‖ Or, *labour.*

† Heb. *the sons of the burning coal lift up to fly.*

6 Although ‖ affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

d Ch. 9. 10. & 37. 5. Psal. 40. 5. & 72. 18. & 145. 3. Rom. 11. 33.

7 Yet man is born unto ‖ trouble, as † the sparks fly upward.

† Heb. *and* there is *no search.*

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:

9 [d] Which doeth great things † and unsearchable; marvellous things † without number:

† Heb. *till* there be *no number.*

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the † fields:
11 [e]To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.
12 [f]He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands ‖ cannot perform *their* enterprise.
13 [g]He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.
14 [h]They ‖ meet with darkness in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.
15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.
16 [i]So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
17 [k]Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:
18 [l]For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole.
19 [m]He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
20 [n]In famine he shall redeem thee from death; and in war † from the power of the sword.
21 [o]Thou shalt be hid ‖ from the scourge of the tongue; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh; [p]neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 [q]For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
24 And thou shalt know ‖ that thy tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not ‖ sin.
25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed *shall be* ‖ great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 [r]Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn † cometh in in his season.
27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it *is;* hear it, and know thou *it* † for thy good.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Job sheweth that his complaints are not causeless:* 8 *he wisheth for death, wherein he is assured of comfort:* 14 *he reproveth his friends.*

BUT Job answered and said,
2 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity † laid in the balances together!
3 For now it would be heavier [a]than the sand of the sea: therefore ‖ my words are swallowed up.
4 [b]For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: [c]the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
5 Doth the wild ass bray † when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?
7 The things *that* my soul refused to touch *are* as my sorrowful meat.
8 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant *me* † the thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of [d]the Holy One.
11 What *is* my strength, that I should hope? and what *is* mine end, that I should prolong my life?
12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones? or *is* my flesh † of brass?
13 *Is* not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?
14 † To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, *and* [e]as the stream of brooks they pass away;
16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid:
17 What time they wax warm, † they vanish: † when it is hot, they are † consumed out of their place.
18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.
19 [f]The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.
20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.
21 ‖ For now [g]ye are † nothing; ye see *my* casting down, and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?
23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?
24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

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25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?
26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, *which are* as wind?
27 Yea, † ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig *a pit* for your friend.
28 Now therefore be content; look upon me: for *it is* † evident unto you if I lie.
29 [h] Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness *is* ‖ in it.
30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot † my taste discern perverse things?

† Heb. *ye cause to fall upon.*
† Heb. *before your face.*
h Chap. 17. 10.
‖ That is, *in this matter.*
† Heb. *my palate.*

CHAP. VII.

1 *Job excuseth his desire of death:* 12 *he complaineth of his own restlessness, and God's watchfulness.*

‖ Or, *a warfare.*
a Chap. 14. 13, 14. Psalm 39. 4.
† Heb. *gapeth after.*
b See Chap. 29. 2.
c Deuter. 28. 67. Chap. 17. 12.
† Heb. *the evening be measured.*

IS *there* not ‖ [a] an appointed time to man upon earth? *are not* his days also like the days of an hireling?
2 As a servant † earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for *the reward of* his work;
3 So am I made to possess [b] months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 [c] When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and † the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.
6 [d] My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.
7 O remember that [e] my life *is* wind; mine eye † shall no more ‖ see good.
8 [f] The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no *more:* thine eyes *are* upon me, and ‖ I *am* not.
9 *As* the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so [g] he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more.*
10 He shall return no more to his house, [h] neither shall his place know him any more.
11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?
13 [i] When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;
14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions;

d Chap. 9. 25. & 16. 22. & 17. 11. Psal. 90. 6. & 102. 11. & 103. 15. & 144. 4. Isa. 38. 12. & 40. 6. Jam. 4. 14.
e Psalms 78. 39. & 89. 47.
† Heb. *shall not return.*
‖ *to see,* that is, *to enjoy.*
f Chap. 20. 9.
‖ That is, *I can live no longer.*
g 2 Sam. 12. 23.
h Chap. 8. 18. & 20. 9. Ps. 103. 16.
i Chap. 9. 27, 28.

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather † than my life.
16 [k] I loathe *it;* I would not live alway: [l] let me alone; for [m] my days *are* vanity.
17 [n] What *is* man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?
18 And *that* thou shouldest visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, [o] O thou Preserver of men? why [p] hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be.*

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† Heb. *than my bones.*
k Chap. 10. 1.
l Chap. 10. 20. & 14. 6. Psal. 39. 13.
m Psalm 62. 9.
n Psalms 8. 4. & 144. 3. Hebr. 2. 6.
o Psalm 36. 6.
p Chap. 16. 12. Psal. 21. 12. Lam. 3. 12.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Bildad sheweth God's justice in dealing with men according to their works:* 8 *he appealeth to antiquity to prove the certain destruction of the hypocrite:* 20 *he applieth God's just dealing to Job.*

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these *things?* and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?
3 [a] Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away † for their transgression;
5 [b] If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;
6 If thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.
7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.
8 [c] For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:
9 (For [d] we *are but of* yesterday, and know † nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a shadow:)
10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?
11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

a Genes. 18. 25. Deut. 32. 4. 2 Chr. 19. 7. Chap. 34. 17. Dan. 9. 14. Rom. 3. 5.
† Heb. *in the hand of their transgression.*
b Chap. 5. 8. & 11. 13. & 22. 23, &c.
c Deuter. 4. 32. Chap. 15. 18.
d Genes. 47. 9. 1 Chron. 29. 15. Chap. 7. 6. Psal. 39. 5. & 144. 4.
† Heb. *not.*

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12 [e] Whilst it *is* yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it withereth before any *other* herb.

13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God; and the [f] hypocrite's hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* † a spider's web.

15 [g] He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He *is* green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.

18 [h] If he destroy him from his place, then *it* shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*, neither will he † help the evil doers;

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with † rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling-place of the wicked † shall come to nought.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Job, acknowledging God's justice, sheweth there is no contending with him.* 22 *Man's innocency is not to be judged by affliction.*

THEN Job answered and said,

2 I know *it is* so of a truth; but how should [a] man be just || with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 [b] *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened *himself* against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not; which overturneth them in his anger;

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble;

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, and sealeth up the stars;

8 [c] Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the † waves of the sea;

9 [d] Which maketh † Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

10 [e] Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

11 [f] Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 [g] Behold, he taketh away, † who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13 *If* God will not withdraw his anger, [h] the † proud helpers do stoop under him.

14 How much less shall I answer him, *and* choose out my words *to reason* with him?

15 [i] Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me, *yet* would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds [k] without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If *I speak* of strength, lo, *he is* strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time *to plead?*

20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say*, I *am* perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

21 *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet* would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

22 This *is* one *thing*, therefore I said *it*, [l] He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: [m] he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, *and* who *is* he?

25 Now [n] my days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the † || swift ships; [o] as the eagle *that* hasteth to the prey.

27 [p] If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort *myself;*

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

30 [q] If I wash myself with snow-water, and make my hands never so clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall || abhor me.

32 For [r] *he is* not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, *and* we should come together in judgment.

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33 [s]Neither is there † any ‖ day's-man betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.

34 [t]Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me;

35 *Then* would I speak, and not fear him: † but *it is* not so with me.

CHAP. X.

1 *Job, taking liberty of complaint, expostulateth with God about his afflictions:* 18 *he complaineth of life, and craveth a little ease before his death.*

[a]MY soul is ‖ weary of my life: I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress? that thou shouldest despise † the work of thine hands? and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or [b]seest thou as man seeth?

5 *Are* thy days as the days of man? *are* thy years as man's days,

6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

7 † Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8 [c]Thine hands † have made me, and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that [d]thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 [e]Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast † fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

13 And these *things* hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee.

14 If I sin, then thou markest me; and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; [f]and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head: *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction,

16 For it increaseth. [g]Thou huntest me as a fierce lion; and again thou sheweth thyself marvellous upon me.

17 Thou renewest ‖ thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* against me.

18 [h]Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 [i]*Are* not my days few? [k]cease *then, and* [l]let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return, [m]*even* to the land of darkness, [n]and the shadow of death:

22 A land of darkness, as darkness *itself;* *and* of the shadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkness.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Zophar reproveth Job for justifying himself.* 7 *God's wisdom is unsearchable.* 13 *The assured blessing of repentance.*

THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should † a man full of talk be justified?

3 Should thy ‖ lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?

4 For [a]thou hast said, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But Oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;

6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double to that which is! Know therefore that [b]God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth.*

7 [c]Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 *It is* † as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof *is* longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 [d]If he ‖ cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then † who can hinder him?

11 For [e]he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not then consider *it?*

12 For † [f]vain man would be wise, though man be born *like* a wild ass's colt.

13 [g]If thou prepare thine heart, and [h]stretch out thine hands toward him;

14 If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

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s Verse 19. 1Sam. 2. 25.

† Heb. *one that should argue.*

‖ Or, *umpire.*

t Chap. 13. 20. & 33. 7.

† Heb. *but I am not so with myself.*

a Chap. 7. 16.

‖ Or, *cut off while I live.*

† Heb. *the labour of thine hands?*

b 1 Sam. 16. 7.

† Heb. It is *upon thy knowledge.*

c Psalm 119. 73.

† Heb. *took pains about me.*

d Gen. 2. 7. & 3. 19.

e Psal. 139. 14, 15, 16.

† Heb. *hedged.*

f Chap. 9. 15, 20, 21.

g Isa. 38. 13. Lam. 3. 10.

‖ That is, *thy plagues.*

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h Chap. 3. 11.

i See Chap. 7. 6, 16. & 8. 9.

k Psalm 39. 13.

l Chap. 7. 16, 19.

m Psalm 88. 12.

n Psalm 23. 4.

† Heb. *a man of lips.*

‖ Or, *devices.*

a Chap. 6. 10. & 10. 7.

b Ezra 9. 13.

c Eccles. 3. 11. Rom. 11. 33.

† Heb. *the heights of heaven.*

d Chap. 9. 12. & 12. 14. Rev. 3. 7.

‖ Or, *make a change.*

† Heb. *who can turn him away?* chap. 9. 12.

e Psalms 10. 11, 14. & 73. 22.

† Heb. *empty.*

f Psalms 73. 22. & 92. 6. Eccl. 3. 18.

g Chap. 5. 8. & 22. 21.

h Psalms 88. 9. & 143. 6.

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15 [i] For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery, *and* remember *it* as waters *that* pass away:

17 And *thine* age †[k] shall be clearer than the noon-day; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee, and* [l] thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall † make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and † they shall not escape, and [m] their hope *shall be as* ‖ the giving up of the ghost.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Job maintaineth himself against his friends that reprove him: 7 he acknowledgeth God's omnipotency.*

AND Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But [a] I have † understanding as well as you; † I *am* not inferior to you: yea, † who knoweth not such things as these?

4 [b] I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright *man is* laughed to scorn.

5 [c] He that is ready to slip with *his* feet *is as* a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 [d] The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 [e] In whose hand *is* the ‖ soul of every living thing, and the breath of † all mankind.

11 [f] Doth not the ear try words? and the † mouth taste his meat?

12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

13 ‖ [g] With him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, [h] he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again; he [i] shutteth † up a man, and there can be no opening.

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15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 [k] With him *is* strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver *are* his.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and [l] maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 [m] He removeth away † the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 [n] He poureth contempt upon princes, and ‖ weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 [o] He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 [p] He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and † straiteneth them *again*.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and [q] causeth them to wander in a wilderness *where there is* no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to † stagger like *a* drunken *man*.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Job reproveth his friends of partiality: 14 he professeth his confidence in God, 20 and entreateth to know his own sins, and God's purpose in afflicting him.*

LO, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 [a] What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.

3 [b] Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, [c] ye *are* all physicians of no value.

5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace; and [d] it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 [e] Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *so* mock him?

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i See Gen. 4. 5, 6. Ch. 22. 26. Psal. 119. 6.

† Heb. *shall arise above the noon-day.*

k Ps. 37. 6. & 112. 4. Isai. 58. 8.

l Levit. 26. 5, 6. Psalm 3. 5. & 4. 8. Prov. 3. 24.

† Heb. *entreat thy face,* Ps. 45. 12.

† Heb. *flight shall perish from them.*

m Chap. 8. 14. & 18. 14.

‖ Or, *a puff of breath.*

a Chap. 13. 2.

† Heb. *an heart.*

† Heb. *I fall not lower than you.*

† Heb. *with whom* are *not such as these?*

b Chap. 16. 10. & 17. 2. 6. & 21. 3. & 30. 1.

c Prov. 14. 2.

d Chap. 21. 7. Psalm 37. 1, 35. & 73. 11, 12. & 92. 7. Jer. 12. 1. Mal. 3. 15.

e Numb. 16. 22.

‖ Or, *life.*

† Heb. *all flesh of man.*

f Chap. 34. 3.

† Heb. *palate,* Chap. 6. 30.

‖ That is, *with God.*

g Chap. 36. 5.

h Chap. 11. 10.

i Isaiah 22. 22. Rev. 3. 7.

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† Heb. *upon.*

k Verse 13.

l 2 Sam. 15. 31. & 17. 14, 23. Isa. 19. 12. 1 Cor. 1. 19.

m Chap. 32. 9. Isa. 3. 2, 3.

† Heb. *the lip of the faithful.*

n Psalm 107. 40. Dan. 2. 21.

‖ Or, *looseth the girdle of the strong.*

o Dan. 2. 22. Mat. 10. 26. 1 Cor. 4. 5.

p Psalm 107. 38.

† Heb. *leadeth in.*

q Psalm 107. 4, 40.

† Heb. *wander.*

a Chap. 12. 3.

b Chap. 23. 3. & 31. 35.

c Chap. 6. 21. & 16. 2.

d Prov. 17. 28.

e Chap. 17. 5. & 32. 21. & 36. 4.

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10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

† Heb. *Be silent from me.*

13 †Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*.

f Chap. 18. 4.
g 1 Sam. 28. 21. Psalm 119. 109.

14 Wherefore [f] do I take my flesh in my teeth, and [g] put my life in mine hand?

h Psalm 23. 4. Prov. 14. 32.
i Chap. 27. 5.
† Heb. *prove*, or, *argue*.

15 [h] Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: [i] but I will †maintain mine own ways before him.

16 He also *shall be* my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.

k Chap. 33. 6.

19 [k] Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

l Chap. 9. 34. & 33. 7.

20 [l] Only do not two *things* unto me; then will I not hide myself from thee:

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me; and let not thy dread make me afraid:

22 Then call thou, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

m Deuter. 32. 20. Psal. 13. 1.

24 [m] Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and [n] holdest me for thine enemy?

n Deuter. 32. 42. Ruth 1. 21. Chap. 16. 9. & 19. 11. & 33. 10. Lam. 2. 5.
o Isa. 42. 3.
p Ps. 25. 7.

25 [o] Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and [p] makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

q Chap. 33. 11.
† Heb. *observest.*
† Heb. *roots.*

27 [q] Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and †lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the †heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Job entreateth God for favour, by the shortness of life, and certainty of death.* 7 *Though life once lost be irrecoverable, yet he waiteth for his change.* 16 *By sin the creature is subject to corruption.*

† Heb. *short of days.*
a Eccles. 2. 23.

MAN *that is* born of a woman *is* †of few days, and [a] full of trouble.

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2 [b] He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

b Chap. 8. 9. Psal. 90. 5, 6, 9. & 102. 11. & 103. 15. & 144. 4. Isa. 40. 6. James 1. 10, 11. & 4. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 24.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

† Heb. *Who will give.*

4 †Who [c] can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

c Gen. 5. 3. Psal. 51. 5. John 3. 6. Rom. 5. 12. Eph. 2. 3.

5 [d] Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass:

d Chap. 7. 1.

6 [e] Turn from him, that he may †rest, till he shall accomplish, [f] as an hireling, his day.

e Chap. 7. 16, 19. & 10. 20. Ps. 39. 13.
† Heb. *cease.*
f Chap. 7. 1.
g Verse 14.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, [g] that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

9 *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

† Heb. *is weakened*, or, *cut off.*

10 But man dieth, and †wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

11 *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up;

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: [h] till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

h Psalm 102. 26. Isa. 51. 6. & 65. 17. & 66. 22. Acts 3. 21. Rom. 8. 20. 2 Pet. 3. 7, 10, 11. Rev. 20. 11. & 21. 1.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past; that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he live *again?* All the days of my appointed time [i] will I wait, [k] till my change come.

i Chap. 13. 15.
k Verse 7.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 [l] For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

l Chap. 10. 6, 14. & 31. 4. & 34. 21. Psalms 56. 8. & 139. 1, 2, 3. Prov. 5. 21. Jer. 32. 19.

17 [m] My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

m Deuter. 32. 34. Hos. 13. 12.

18 And surely the mountain falling †cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

† Heb. *fadeth.*

19 The waters wear the stones: thou †washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

† Heb. *overflowest.*

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and [n] he knoweth *it* not; and they are

n Eccl. 9. 5. Isa. 63. 16.

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brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job of impiety in justifying himself:* 17 *he proveth by tradition the disquietude of wicked men.*

THEN answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

† Heb. *knowledge of wind.*

2 Should a wise man utter † vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

† Heb. *thou makest void.* ‖ Or, *speech.*

4 Yea, † thou castest off fear, and restraineth ‖ prayer before God.

† Heb. *teacheth.*

5 For thy mouth † uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? [a] or wast thou made before the hills?

a Psal. 90. 2. Prov. 8. 25.

b Rom. 11. 34.

8 [b] Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?

c Chap. 32. 6, 7.

10 [c] With us *are* both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thine eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

d 1 Kings 8. 46. 2 Chron. 6. 36. Chap. 14. 4. Psal. 14. 3. Prov. 20. 9. Eccl. 7. 20. 1 John 1. 8, 10.

14 [d] What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

e Chap. 4. 18. & 25. 5.

15 [e] Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight;

f Chap. 4. 19. Psal. 14. 3. & 53. 3.

16 [f] How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, [g] which drinketh iniquity like water?

g Chap. 34. 7. Prov. 19. 28.

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

h Chap. 8. 8.

18 Which wise men have told [h] from their fathers, and have not hid *it;*

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

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20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, [i] and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

i Psalm 90. 12.

† Heb. *A sound of fears.*

21 † A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: [k] in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

k 1 Thess. 5. 3.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

l Psalms 59. 15. & 109. 10.

23 He [l] wandereth abroad for bread, *saying,* Where *is it?* he knoweth that [m] the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

m Chap. 18. 12.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers;

n Psalm 17. 10.

27 [n] Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness: the flame shall dry up his branches, and [o] by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

o Chap. 4. 9.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity; for vanity shall be his recompence.

‖ Or, *cut off.*

32 It shall be ‖ accomplished [p] before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

p Chap. 22. 16. Psal. 55. 23.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

q Psalm 7. 14. Isa. 59. 4. Hos. 10. 13.

‖ Or, *iniquity.*

35 [q] They conceive mischief, and bring forth ‖ vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Job reproveth his friends of unmercifulness:* 7 *he sheweth his pitiful case:* 17 *he maintaineth his innocency.*

THEN Job answered and said,

‖ Or, *troublesome.*

2 I have heard many such things: ‖ [a] miserable comforters *are* ye all.

a Chap. 13. 4.

3 Shall † vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

† Heb. *words of wind.*

4 I also could speak as ye *do:* if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and [b] shake mine head at you.

b Psalms 22. 7. & 109. 25. Lam. 2. 15.

5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage *your grief.*

6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged; and *though* I forbear, † what am I eased?

† Heb. *what goeth from me?*

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me:* and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 [c] He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; [d] mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

c Chap. 10. 16, 17.

d Chap. 13. 24.

10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they [e] have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

e Lamen. 3. 30. Micah 5. 1.

11 God [f] † hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

f Chap. 1. 15, 17.

† Heb. *hath shut me up.*

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and [g] set me up for his mark.

g Chap. 7. 20.

13 His archers compass me round about; he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach; he runneth upon me like a giant.

15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and [h] defiled my horn in the dust.

h Chap. 30. 19.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;

17 Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer *is* pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and [i] let my cry have no place.

i Chap. 27. 9. Psalm 66. 18, 19.

19 Also now, behold, my witness *is* in heaven, and my record *is* † on high.

† Heb. *in the high places.*

20 My friends † scorn me; *but* mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God.

† Heb. are *my scorners.*

21 [k] Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his ‖ neighbour!

k Chap. 31. 35. Eccl. 6. 10. Isa. 45. 9. Rom. 9. 20.

‖ Or, *friend.*

22 When † a few years are come, then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

† Heb. *years of number.*

CHAP. XVII.

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1 *Job appealeth from men to God.* 6 *The unmerciful dealing of men with the afflicted may astonish, but not discourage, the righteous.* 11 *His hope is not in life, but in death.*

MY ‖ breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves *are ready* for me.

‖ Or, *spirit is spent.*

2 *Are there* not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye † continue in their provocation?

† Heb. *lodge.*

3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he *that* [a] will strike hands with me?

a Prov. 6. 1. & 17. 18. & 22. 26.

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them.*

5 He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also [b] a by-word of the people; and ‖ aforetime I was as a tabret.

b Chap. 30. 9.

‖ Or, *before them.*

7 [c] Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all ‖ my members *are* as a shadow.

c Psal. 6. 7.

‖ Or, *my thoughts.*

8 Upright *men* shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way; and he that hath clean hands † shall be stronger and stronger.

† Heb. *shall add strength.*

10 But as for you all, [d] do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.

d Chap. 6. 29.

11 [e] My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* † the thoughts of my heart.

e Chap. 7. 6. & 9. 25.

† Heb. *the possessions.*

12 They change the night into day: the light *is* † short because of darkness.

† Heb. *near.*

13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have † said to corruption, Thou *art* my father; to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister.

† Heb. *cried,* or, *called.*

15 And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down [f] to the bars of the pit, when *our* [g] rest together *is* in the dust.

f Chap. 18. 13.

g Chap. 3. 17, 18, 19.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Bildad reproveth Job of presumption and impatience.* 5 *The calamities of the wicked.*

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long *will it be ere* ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, *and* reputed vile in your sight?

4 [a] He teareth †himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, [b] and his ‖candle shall be put out with him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For [c] he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The gin shall take *him* by the heel, *and* [d] the robber shall prevail against him.

10 The snare *is* †laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 [e] Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall †drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and [f] destruction *shall be* ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the †strength of his skin: *even* the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

14 [g] His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it is* none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 [h] His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 [i] His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 †He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 [k] He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after *him* shall be astonied at his day, as they ‖that went before †were affrighted.

21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him that* knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Job, complaining of his friends' repeated cruelty, sheweth there is misery enough in him to gratify it:* 21,28, *he craveth pity:* 25 *he professeth his belief in a future resurrection.*

THEN Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 These [a] ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed *that* ye ‖make yourselves strange to me.

4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me, and plead against me my reproach;

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of ‖wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.

8 [b] He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown *from* my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and [c] he counteth me unto him as *one of* his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and [d] raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 [e] He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's *sake* of †mine own body.

18 Yea, ‖young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

19 [f] All †my inward friends abhorred me; and they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 [g] My bone cleaveth to my skin ‖and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; [h] for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 †Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know *that* my Redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

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a Chap. 13. 14.
† Heb. *his soul.*
b Chap. 21. 17. Psal. 18. 28.
‖ Or, *lamp.*
c Chap. 22. 10.
d Chap. 5. 5.
† Heb. *hidden.*
e Chap. 15. 21. Jer. 6. 25. & 20. 3. & 46. 5. & 49. 29.
† Heb. *scatter him.*
f Chap. 15. 23.
† Heb. *bars.*
g Chap. 8. 14. & 11. 20. Ps. 112. 10. Prov. 10. 28.
h Chap. 29. 19. Isa. 5. 24. Amos 2. 9. Mal. 4. 1.
i Psalm 109. 13. Prov. 2. 22. & 10. 7.
† Heb. *They shall drive him.*
k Isa. 14. 22. Jer. 22. 30.
‖ Or, *lived with him.*
† Heb. *laid hold on horror.*

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a Gen. 31. 7. Lev. 26. 26.
‖ Or, *harden yourselves against me.*
‖ Or, *violence.*
b Chap. 3. 23.
c Chap. 13. 24. Lam. 2. 5
d Chap. 30. 12.
e Psalms 31. 11. & 38. 11. & 69. 8. & 88. 8, 18.
† Heb. *my belly.*
‖ Or, *the wicked.*
f Psalms 41. 9. & 55. 13, 14, 20.
† Heb. *the men of my secret.*
g Chap. 30. 30. Psal. 102. 5. Lam. 4. 8.
‖ Or, *as.*
h Chap. 1. 11. Psalm 38. 2.
† Heb. *Who will give, &c.*

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26 || And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet [i] in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not † another; || *though* my reins be consumed † within me.

28 But ye should say, [k] Why persecute we him, || seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye may know *there is* a judgment.

|| Or, *After I shall awake, though this* body *be destroyed, yet out of my flesh shall I see God.*

‡ Psalm 17. 15. 1 Corinth. 13. 12. 1 John 3. 2.

† Heb. *a stranger.*

|| Or, *my reins within me are consumed with earnest desire* (for that day.)

k Verse 22.

† Heb. *in my bosom.*

|| Or, *and* what *root of matter is found in me?*

CHAP. XX.

Zophar sheweth the state and portion of the wicked.

THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* † I make haste.

† Heb. *my haste is in me.*

3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

4 Knowest thou *not* this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 [a] That the triumphing of the wicked *is* † short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment?

a Psalm 37. 35, 36. † Heb. *from near.*

6 [b] Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the † clouds;

b Isa. 14. 13, 14. Obad. 3, 4. † Heb. *cloud.*

7 *Yet* he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where *is* he?

8 He shall fly away [c] as a dream, and shall not be found; yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

c Psalms 73. 20. & 90. 5.

9 [d] The eye also *which* saw him shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

d Chap. 7. 8, 10. & 8. 18. Psal. 37. 36. & 103. 16.

10 || His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands [e] shall restore their goods.

|| Or, *The poor shall oppress his children.*

e Verse 18.

11 His bones are full [f] *of the sin* of his youth, [g] which shall lie down with him in the dust.

f Chap. 13. 26. Psal. 25. 7.

g Chap. 21. 26.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he hide it under his tongue;

13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not, but keep it still † within his mouth;

† Heb. *in the midst of his palate.*

14 *Yet* his meat in his bowels is turned, *it is* the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps; the viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see [h] the rivers, || the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

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18 That which he laboured for [i] shall he restore, and shall not swallow *it* down: † according to *his* substance *shall* the restitution *be*, and he shall not rejoice *therein*.

h Psalm 36. 9.

|| Or, *streaming brooks.*

i Verse 10.

† Heb. *according to the substance of his exchange.*

19 Because he hath † oppressed *and* hath forsaken the poor; *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

† Heb. *crushed.*

20 [k] Surely he shall not † feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

k Eccles. 5. 13, 14.

† Heb. *know.*

21 || There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

|| Or, *There shall be none left for his meat.*

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the || wicked shall come upon him.

|| Or, *troublesome.*

23 *When* he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain *it* upon him while he is eating.

24 [l] He shall flee from the iron weapon, *and* the bow of steel shall strike him through.

l Isa. 24. 18. Jer. 48. 43. Amos 5. 19.

25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, [m] the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: [n] terrors *are* upon him.

m Chap. 16. 13.

n Chap. 18. 11.

26 All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 [o] This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage † appointed unto him by God.

o Chap. 27. 13. & 31. 2.

† Heb. *of his decree from God.*

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Job sheweth, that, even in the judgment of man, he hath reason to be grieved.* 7 *Sometimes the wicked do so prosper that they despise God.* 16 *Sometimes their destruction is manifest.* 22 *The happy and unhappy are alike in death.*

BUT Job answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, [a] mock on.

a Chap. 16. 10. & 17. 2.

† Heb. *shortened.*

4 As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be † troubled?

† Heb. *Look unto me.*

5 † Mark me, and be astonished, [b] and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

b Judges 18. 19. Chap. 29. 9. & 40. 4. Psal. 39. 9.

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6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

c Chap. 12. 6. Psalms 17. 10. & 73. 3, 12. Jer. 12. 1. Hab. 1. 16.

7 [c] Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

† Heb. are *peace from fear.*

9 Their houses †*are* safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

d Chap. 36. 11.

13 They [d] spend their days ‖ in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

‖ Or, *in mirth.*

e Chap. 22. 17.

14 [e] Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

f Exod. 5. 2. Chap. 34. 9.

15 [f] What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and [g] what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

g Chap. 35. 3. Mal. 3. 14.

h Chap. 22. 18.

16 Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: [h] the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

i Chap. 18. 6.

17 [i] How oft is the ‖ candle of the wicked put out? and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them? *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger.

‖ Or, *lamp.*

k Psal. 1. 4. & 35. 5. Isa. 29. 5. Hos. 13. 3.

18 [k] They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm †carrieth away.

† Heb. *stealeth away.*

19 God layeth up ‖ his iniquity [l] for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it.*

‖ That is, *the punishment of his iniquity.*

l Exod. 20. 5.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and [m] he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

m Psalm 75. 8. Jer. 25. 15. Rev. 14. 10. & 19. 15.

21 For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

n Isa. 40. 13. & 45. 9. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Corinth. 2. 16.

22 [n] Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

† Heb. *in his very perfection, or, in the strength of his perfection.*

23 One dieth †in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet:

‖ Or, *milk-pails.*

24 His ‖ breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me.

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28 For ye say, [o] Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* †the dwelling-places of the wicked?

o Chap. 20. 7.

† Heb. *the tent of the tabernacles of the wicked.*

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

p Prov. 16. 4.

30 [p] That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to †the day of wrath.

† Heb. *the day of wraths.*

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him *what* he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the †grave, and shall †remain in the tomb.

† Heb. *graves.*

† Heb. *watch in the heap.*

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth †falsehood?

† Heb. *transgression?*

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Eliphaz sheweth that man's goodness profiteth not God: 5 he accuseth Job of divers sins: 21 he exhorteth him to repentance, with promises of mercy.*

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

a Chap. 35. 7. Psal. 16. 2. Luke 17. 10.

2 [a] Can a man be profitable unto God, ‖ as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

‖ Or, *if he may be profitable,* doth his *good success* depend *thereon?*

3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him,* that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?

5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

b Exod. 22. 26, 27. Deuter. 24. 10, &c.

6 For thou hast [b] taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and †stripped the naked of their clothing.

† Heb. *stripped the clothes off the naked.*

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

† Heb. *the man of arm.*

† Heb. *eminent,* or, *accepted for countenance.*

8 But *as for* †the mighty man, he had the earth; and the †honourable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

c Chap. 18. 8, 9, 10. & 19. 6.

10 Therefore [c] snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.

† Heb. *the head of the stars.*

12 *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold †the height of the stars, how high they are!

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13 And thou sayest, ‖ [d] How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

‖ Or, *What.*

14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

d Psalms 10. 11. & 59. 7. & 73. 11. & 94. 7.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

16 Which [e] were cut down out of time, † whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

e Chap. 15. 32. Psal. 55. 23. & 102. 24. Eccles. 7. 17.

† Heb. *a flood was poured upon their foundation.*

17 [f] Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do ‖ for them?

f Chap. 21. 14.

‖ Or, *to them.*

18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things:* but [g] the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

g Chap. 21. 16.

19 [h] The righteous see *it,* and are glad; and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

h Psalm 107. 42.

‖ Or, *estate.*

20 Whereas our ‖ substance is not cut down; but ‖ the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

‖ Or, *their excellency.*

21 Acquaint now thyself ‖ with him, and [i] be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

‖ That is, *with God.*

i Isa. 27. 5.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

23 [k] If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

k Chap. 8. 5, 6. & 11. 13.

24 Then shalt thou [l] lay up gold ‖ as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

1 2 Chron. 1. 15.

‖ Or, *on the dust.*

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy ‖ defence, and thou shalt have † plenty of silver.

‖ Or, *gold.*

† Heb. *silver of strength.*

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and [m] shalt lift up thy face unto God.

m Chap. 11. 15.

27 [n] Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

n Psalm 50. 14, 15.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and [o] he shall save † the humble person.

o Prov. 29. 23. James 4. 6. 1 Pet. 5. 5.

† Heb. *him that hath low eyes.*

30 ‖ He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

‖ Or, *The innocent shall deliver the island.*

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Job longeth to appear before God, in confidence of his mercy.* 8 *God, who is invisible, observeth our ways.* 11 *Job's innocency.* 13 *God's decree is immutable.*

THEN Job answered and said,

2 Even to-day *is* my complaint bitter: † my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

† Heb. *my hand.*

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3 [a] Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

a Chap. 13. 3. & 16. 21.

4 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 [b] Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

b Isaiah 27. 4, 8.

7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 [c] Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there;* and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

c Chap. 9. 11.

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him:* he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him.*

10 But he knoweth † the way that I take: *when* [d] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

† Heb. *the way* that is *with me.*

d Psalms 17. 3. & 66. 10.

11 My foot hath held his steps; his way have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; † I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than ‖ my necessary *food.*

† Heb. *I have hid,* or, *laid up.*

‖ Or, *my appointed portion.*

13 But he *is* in one *mind,* and [e] who can turn him? and *what* [f] his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

e Chap. 9. 12, 13. & 12. 14.

f Ps. 115. 3.

14 For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God [g] maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

g Psalm 22. 14.

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Wickedness goeth often unpunished.* 17 *There is a secret judgment for the wicked.*

WHY, seeing [a] times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

a Acts 1. 7.

2 *Some* remove the [b] land-marks; they violently take away flocks, and ‖ feed *thereof;*

b Deuter. 19. 14. & 27. 17. Pro. 22. 28. & 23. 10.

‖ Or, *feed them.*

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless; they [c] take the widow's ox for a pledge;

c Chap. 22. 6. Deut. 24. 6, 10, 12, 17.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: [d] the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

d Prov. 28. 28.

5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work, rising

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betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and* for *their* children.

† Heb. *mingled corn*, or, *dredge.*

6 They reap *every one* his †corn in the field; and †they gather the vintage of the wicked;

† Heb. *the wicked gather the vintage.*

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold;

8 They are wet with the showers

e Lam. 4. 5.

of the mountains, and [e] embrace the rock for want of a shelter;

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor;

10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry;

11 *Which* make oil within their walls, *and* tread *their* wine-presses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out; yet God layeth not folly *to them.*

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

f Psal. 10. 8.

14 [f] The murderer, rising with the light, killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

g Prov. 7. 9.

15 [g] The eye also of the adulterer

h Psalm 10. 11.

waiteth for the twilight, [h] saying, No eye shall see me; and †disguiseth *his* face.

† Heb. *setteth his face in secret.*

16 In the dark they dig through houses, *which* they had marked for

i John 3. 20.

themselves in the day-time: [i] they know not the light.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them, they are in* the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

† Heb. *violently take.*

19 Drought and heat †consume the snow-waters; *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him: he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil-entreateth the barren *that* beareth not, and doeth not good to the widow.

‖ Or, *he crusheth not his own life.*

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power; he riseth up, ‖and no *man* is sure of life:

23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety whereon he resteth, yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

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24 They are exalted for a little while, but †are gone and brought low; they are †taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

† Heb. *are not.*

† Heb. *closed up.*

25 And if *it be* not *so* now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAP. XXV.

Bildad sheweth God's sovereignty, before whom man cannot be justified.

THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him; he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

a Chapters 4. 17, &c. & 15. 14, &c. Psal. 130. 3. & 143. 2.

4 [a] How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight:

b Psalm 22. 6.

6 How much less man, *that is* [b] a worm, and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAP. XXVI.

Job, reproving the uncharitable spirit of Bildad, 5 acknowledgeth God's power and wisdom to be infinite.

BUT Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, ‖and the inhabitants thereof.

‖ Or, *with the inhabitants.*

a Psal. 139. 8, 11. Prov. 15. 11. Hebr. 4. 13.

6 [a] Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

b Chap. 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2, &c.

7 [b] He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

c Chap. 38. 8. Psal. 33. 7. & 104. 9. Prov. 8. 29. Jer. 5. 22.

10 [c] He hath compassed the waters with bounds, †until the day and night come to an end.

† Heb. *until the end of light with darkness.*

11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof.

d Isa. 51. 15. Jer. 31. 35.

12 [d] He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through †the proud.

† Heb. *pride.*

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13 [e] By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

e Psalm 33. 6.

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Job protesteth his sincerity.* 8 *The hypocrite is without hope.* 11 *The blessings which the wicked have are oftentimes turned into curses.*

† Heb. *added to take up.*

MOREOVER, Job † continued his parable, and said,

a Chap. 34. 5.

2 *As* God liveth, [a] *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath † vexed my soul;

† Heb. *made my soul bitter,* Ruth 1. 20. 2 Kings 4. 27.

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and ‖ the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils,

‖ That is, *the breath which God gave him.*

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

b Chap. 2. 9. & 13. 15.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die [b] I will not remove mine integrity from me.

† Heb. *from my days.*

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* † so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

c Matth. 16. 26. Luke 12. 20.

8 [c] For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

d Chap. 35. 12. Psal. 18. 41. & 109. 7. Prov. 1. 28. & 28. 9. Isa. 1. 15. Jer. 14. 12. Ezek. 8. 18. Micah 3. 4. John 9. 31. James 4. 3.

9 [d] Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

‖ Or, being *in the hand, &c.*

11 I will teach you ‖ by the hand of God; *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it;* why then are ye thus altogether vain?

e Chap. 20. 29.

13 [e] This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

f Deuter. 28. 41. Hosea 9. 13, 14.

14 [f] If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the sword; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death; and [g] his widows shall not weep.

g Psalm 78. 64.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

h Prov. 28. 8. Eccles. 2. 26.

17 He may prepare *it,* but [h] the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

i Isa. 1. 8. Lam. 2. 6.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and [i] as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

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19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

k Chap. 18. 11.

20 [k] Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and, as a storm, hurleth him out of his place.

† Heb. *in fleeing he would flee.*

22 For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: † he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Though man may search deep into nature, yet to understand God's ways is beyond his reach;* 23 *being comprehended by God only.*

‖ Or, *a mine.*

SURELY there is ‖ a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it.*

‖ Or, *dust.*

2 Iron is taken out of the ‖ earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection; the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread; and under it is turned up as it were fire.

‖ Or, *gold ore.*

6 The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires; and it hath ‖ dust of gold.

7 *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

‖ Or, *flint.*

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the ‖ rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

† Heb. *from weeping.*

11 He bindeth the floods † from overflowing; and *the thing that is* hid bringeth he forth to light.

a Verse 20. Eccl. 7. 24.

12 [a] But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

b Verse 22. Rom. 11. 33, 34.

14 [b] The depth saith, It *is* not in me; and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

† Heb. *Fine gold shall not be given for it.*

c Prov. 3. 15, 14. & 8. 11, 19. & 16. 16.

15 † It [c] cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

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16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it *shall not be for* ‖ jewels of fine gold.

‖ Or, *vessels of fine gold.*

18 No mention shall be made of ‖ coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

‖ Or, *Ramoth.*

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

d Verse 12.

20 [d] Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the ‖ air.

§ Or, *heaven.*

e Verse 14.

22 [e] Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;

f Psalm 135. 7.

25 [f] To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

§ Or, *number it.*

27 Then did he see it, and ‖ declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, [g] the fear of the LORD, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

g Deuter. 4. 6. Ps. 111. 10. Prov. 1. 7. & 9. 10. Eccles. 12. 13.

CHAP. XXIX.

Job bemoaneth himself, calling to mind his former prosperity and honour.

MOREOVER, Job † continued his parable, and said,

† Heb. *added to take up.*

2 Oh that I were [a] as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;

a See Chap. 7. 3.

3 [b] When his ‖ candle shined upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked *through* darkness;

b Chap. 18. 6.

‖ Or, *lamp,* Psal. 18. 28.

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;

6 When [c] I washed my steps with butter, and [d] the rock poured † me out rivers of oil;

c Deuter. 32. 13. & 33. 24. Chap. 20. 17.

d Psalm 81. 16.

† Heb. *with me.*

7 When I went out to the gate through the city; *when* I prepared my seat in the street!

8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves; and the aged arose, *and* stood up.

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9 The princes refrained talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth.

10 † The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

† Heb. *The voice of the nobles was hid.*

11 When the ear heard *me,* then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me,* it gave witness to me;

12 Because [e] I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him.

e Psalm 72. 12. Prov. 21. 13. & 24. 11.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14 [f] I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment *was* as a robe and a diadem.

f Deuter. 24. 13. Psal. 132. 9. Isa. 59. 17. & 61. 10. Ephes. 6. 14, &c. 1 Thes. 5. 8.

15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet *was* I to the lame.

16 I *was* a father to the poor; and [g] the cause *which* I knew not I searched out.

g Prov. 29. 7.

17 And I brake [h] † the jaws of the wicked, and † plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

h Prov. 30. 14.

† Heb. *the jaw-teeth,* or, *the grinders.*

† Heb. *cast.*

18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.

19 [i] My root *was* † spread out [k] by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

i Chap. 18. 16.

† Heb. *opened.*

k Psal. 1. 3. Jer. 17. 8.

20 My glory *was* † fresh in me, and [l] my bow was † renewed in my hand.

† Heb. *new.*

l Genes. 49. 24.

21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

† Heb. *changed.*

22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide, *as* for [m] the latter rain.

m Zech. 10. 1.

24 *If* I laughed on them, they believed *it* not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

Job lamenteth the change of his honour into extreme contempt; 15 *and of his prosperity into calamity.*

BUT now *they that are* † younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

† Heb. *of fewer days than I.*

2 Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished?

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3 For want and famine *they were* ‖ solitary; fleeing into the wilderness † in former time desolate and waste;

‖ Or, *dark as the night.*

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper-roots *for* their meat.

† Heb. *yesternight.*

5 They were driven forth from among *men,* (they cried after them as *after* a thief,)

6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, *in* † caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

† Heb. *holes.*

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 *They were* children of fools, yea, children of † base men; they were viler than the earth.

† Heb. *men of no name.*

9 [a] And now am I their song; yea, I am their by-word.

a Chap. 17. 6. Psalms 35. 15. & 69. 12. Lamen. 3. 14, 63.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, † and spare not [b] to spit in my face.

† Heb. *and withhold not spittle from my face.*

b Numb. 12. 14. Deut. 25. 9. Isa. 50. 6. Mat. 26. 67. & 27. 30.

11 Because he [c] hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

c See Chap. 12. 18.

12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they [d] raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

d Chap. 19. 12.

13 They mar my path; they set forward my calamity; they have no helper.

14 They came *upon me* as a wide breaking in *of waters:* in the desolation they rolled themselves *upon me.*

15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue † my soul as the wind; and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

† Heb. *my principal one.*

16 [e] And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

e Psalm 42. 4.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night-season; and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force *of my disease* is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me; I stand up, and thou regardest me *not.*

21 Thou art † become cruel to me; with † thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.

† Heb. *turned to be cruel.*

† Heb. *the strength of thy hand.*

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon it,* and dissolvest my ‖ substance.

‖ Or, *wisdom.*

23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house [f] appointed for all living.

f Hebr. 9. 27.

24 Howbeit, he will not stretch out *his* hand to the † grave, though they cry in his destruction.

† Heb. *heap.*

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25 [g] Did not I weep † for him that was in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor?

g Psalm 35. 13, 14. Rom. 12. 15.

† Heb. *for him that was hard of day.*

26 When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me;* and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled, and rested not; the days of affliction prevented me.

28 [h] I went mourning without the sun; I stood up, *and* I cried in the congregation.

h Psal. 38. 6. & 42. 9. & 43. 2.

29 [i] I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to ‖ owls.

i Psalm 102. 6. Mic. 1. 8.

‖ Or, *ostriches.*

30 [k] My skin is black upon me, and [l] my bones are burnt with heat.

k Psalm 119. 83. Lam. 4. 8.

31 My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

& 5. 10.

l Psalm 102. 3.

CHAP. XXXI.

Job maketh a solemn protestation of his integrity in several duties.

I MADE a covenant with mine [a] eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

a Matth. 5. 28.

2 For what [b] portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

b Chap. 20. 29. & 27. 13.

3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity?

4 [c] Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

c 2 Chron. 16. 9. Ch. 34. 21. Prov. 5. 21. & 15. 3. Jer. 32. 19.

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;

6 † Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

† Heb. *Let him weigh me in balances of justice.*

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and [d] mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

d See Num. 15. 39. Ezek. 6. 9. Mat. 5. 29.

8 *Then* [e] let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

e Levit. 26. 16. Deut. 28. 30, 38, &c.

9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or *if* I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

10 *Then* let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

11 For this *is* an heinous crime; yea, [f] it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judges.

f Genes. 38. 24. Levit. 20. 10. Deuter. 22. 22. See Ver. 28.

12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise the cause of my man-servant, or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when [g] God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

g Psalm 44. 21.

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15 [h] Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and || did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as *with* a father, and I have guided || her from my mother's womb;)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

20 If his loins have not [i] blessed me, and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate;

22 *Then* let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from || the bone.

23 For [k] destruction *from* God *was* a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

24 [l] If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;

25 [m] If I rejoiced because my wealth *was* great, and because mine hand had † gotten much;

26 [n] If I beheld † the sun when it shined, or the moon walking † *in* brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or † my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also *were* [o] an iniquity *to be punished by* the judge: for I should have denied the God *that is* above.

29 [p] If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him;

30 ([q] Neither have I suffered † my mouth to sin, by wishing a curse to his soul;)

31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied;

32 ([r] The stranger did not lodge in the street; *but* I opened my doors || to the traveller;)

33 If I covered my transgressions || [s] as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?

35 [t] Oh that one would hear me! || behold, my desire *is*, [u] *that* the Almighty would answer me, and *that* mine adversary had written a book:

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof † complain;

39 If I have eaten † the fruits thereof without money, or have † caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

40 Let [x] thistles grow instead of wheat, and || cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *Elihu is angry with Job and his three friends:* 11 *he reproveth them for not satisfying of Job:* 16 *his zeal to speak.*

SO these three men ceased † to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel [a] the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram; against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified † himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had † waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* † elder than he.

5 When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I *am* † young, [b] and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and † durst not shew you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

8 But *there is* a spirit in man; and [c] the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not *always* wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your † reasons, whilst ye searched out † what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you; and, behold, *there was* none of you that

h Chap. 34. 19. Prov. 14. 31. & 22. 2. Mal. 2. 10.
|| Or, *did he not fashion us in one womb?*
|| That is, *the widow.*
i See Deut. 24. 13.
|| Or, *the chanel-bone.*
k Isa. 13. 6. Joel 1. 15.
l Mark 10. 24. 1 Tim. 6. 17.
m Psalm 62. 10. Prov. 11. 28.
† Heb. *found much.*
n Deuter. 4. 19. & 11. 16. & 17. 3.
† Heb. *the light.*
† Heb. *bright.*
† Heb. *my hand hath kissed my mouth.*
o Verse 11.
p Prov. 17. 5.
q Matth. 5. 44. Rom. 12. 14.
† Heb. *my palate.*
r Rom. 12. 15. Hebr. 13. 2. 1 Pet. 4. 9.
|| Or, *to the way.*
|| Or, *after the manner of men.*
s Genes. 3. 8, 12. Hos. 6. 7.

t Chap. 33. 6.
|| Or, *behold, my sign* is that *the Almighty will answer me.*
u Chap. 13. 22.
† Heb. *weep.*
† Heb. *the strength thereof.*
† Heb. *caused the soul of the owners thereof to expire,* or, *breathe out.*
x Gen. 3. 18.
|| Or, *noisome weeds.*
† Heb. *from answering.*
a Genes. 22. 21.
† Heb. *his soul.*
† Heb. *expected Job in words.*
† Heb. *elder for days.*
† Heb. *few of days.*
b Chap. 15. 10.
† Heb. *feared.*
c Chap. 35. 11. & 38. 36. Prov. 2. 6. Eccles. 2. 26. Dan. 1. 17. & 2. 21. James 1. 5.
† Heb. *understandings.*
† Heb. *words.*

convinced Job, *or* that answered his words;

13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

‖ Or, *ordered* his *words.*

14 Now, he hath not ‖ directed *his* words against me; neither will I answer him with your speeches.

† Heb. *they removed speeches from themselves.*

15 They were amazed; they answered no more; † they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* answered no more,)

17 *I said,* I will answer also my part; I also will shew mine opinion.

† Heb. *words.*

18 For I am full of † matter; † the spirit within me constraineth me.

† Heb. *the spirit of my belly.*

† Heb. *is not opened.*

19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* † hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

† Heb. *that I may breathe.*

20 I will speak, † that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips, and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person; neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my Maker would soon take me away.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Elihu offereth himself instead of God, with sincerity and meekness, to reason with Job:* 8 *he blameth Job for his complaints against God in not giving man an account of his ways:* 31 *he inciteth Job to attention.*

WHEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

† Heb. *in my palate.*

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken † in my mouth.

3 My words *shall be of* the uprightness of my heart; and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

a Gen. 2. 7.

4 [a] The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

b Chap. 9. 34, 35. & 13. 20, 21. & 31. 35.

† Heb. *according to thy mouth.*

† Heb. *cut out of the clay.*

c Chap. 9. 34. & 13. 21.

† Heb. *in mine ears.*

d Chap. 9. 17. & 10. 7. & 11. 4. & 16. 17. & 23. 10, 11. & 27. 5. & 29. 14. & 31. 1.

5 If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.

6 [b] Behold, I *am* † according to thy wish in God's stead; I also am † formed out of the clay.

7 [c] Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken † in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying,*

9 [d] I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity † in me.

10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, [e] he counteth me for his enemy;

e Chap. 13. 24. & 16. 9. & 19. 11.

11 [f] He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

f Chap. 13. 27. & 14. 16.

12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him? for † he giveth not account of any of his matters.

† Heb. *he answereth not.*

14 [g] For God speaketh once, yea twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.

g Chap. 30. 5. Psal. 62. 11.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

16 [h] Then he † openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

h Chap. 36. 10, 15.

† Heb. *he revealeth,* or, *uncovereth.*

17 That he may withdraw man *from his* † purpose, and hide pride from man.

† Heb. *work.*

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life † from perishing by the sword.

† Heb. *from passing by the sword.*

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain:*

20 [i] So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul † dainty meat.

i Psalm 107. 18.

† Heb. *meat of desire.*

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that* were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness;

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found ‖ a ransom.

‖ Or, *an atonement.*

25 His flesh shall be fresher † than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

† Heb. *than childhood.*

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him; and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 ‖ He looketh upon men; and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;

‖ Or, *He shall look upon men, and say, I have sinned, &c.*

28 ‖ He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

‖ Or, *He hath delivered my soul, &c. and my life.*

29 Lo, all these *things* worketh God † oftentimes with man,

† Heb. *twice and thrice.*

30 [k] To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

k Psalm 56. 13.

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31 Mark well, O Job; hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak; for I desire to justify thee.
33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Elihu accuseth Job for charging God with injustice.* 10 *God all-perfect cannot be unjust.* 31 *Man must humble himself unto God.* 34 *Elihu reproveth Job.*

FURTHERMORE, Elihu answered and said,
2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men;* and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 [a] For the ear trieth words, as the † mouth tasteth meat.
4 Let us choose to us judgment; let us know among ourselves what *is* good.
5 For Job hath said, [b] I am righteous; and [c] God hath taken away my judgment.
6 [d] Should I lie against my right? † my wound *is* incurable without transgression.
7 What man *is* like Job, [e] *who* drinketh up scorning like water?
8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
9 For [f] he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye † men of understanding: [g] Far be it from God, *that he should do* wickedness; and *from* the Almighty, *that he should commit* iniquity.
11 [h] For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.
12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed † the whole world?
14 If he set his heart † upon man, *if* he [i] gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
15 [k] All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.
16 If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this; hearken to the voice of my words:
17 [l] Shall even he that hateth right † govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?
18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* ungodly?
19 *How much less to him* that [m] accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for [n] they all *are* the work of his hands.
20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away; and † the mighty shall be taken away without hand.
21 [o] For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.
22 [p] *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 For he will not lay upon man more *than right,* that he should † enter into judgment with God.
24 He shall break in pieces mighty men † without number, and set others in their stead.
25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are † destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men † in the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned back † from him, and [q] would not consider any of his ways:
28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:
30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement,* I will not offend *any more:*
32 *That which* I see not, teach thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
33 † *Should it be* according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.
34 Let men † of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
35 [r] Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.
36 ‖ My desire *is, that* Job may be tried unto the end, because of *his* answers for wicked men.

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a Chap. 6. 30. & 12. 11.
† Heb. *palate.*
b Chap. 33. 9.
c Chap. 27. 2.
d Chap. 9. 17.
† Heb. *mine arrow,* Chap. 6. 4. & 16. 13.
e Chap. 15. 16.
f Chap. 9. 22, 23, 30. & 35. 3.
† Heb. *men of heart.*
g Deuter. 32. 4. 2 Chr. 19. 7. Chap. 8. 3. & 36. 23. Psal. 92. 15. Rom. 9. 14.
h Ps. 62. 12. Prov. 24. 12. Jer. 32. 19. Ezek. 33. 20. Mat. 16. 27. Rom. 2. 6. 2 Cor. 5. 10. 1 Pet. 1. 17. Rev. 22. 12.
† Heb. *all of it.*
† Heb. *upon him.*
i Psalm 104. 29.
k Gen. 3. 19. Eccles. 12. 7.
l Genes. 18. 25.
† Heb. *bind?*
m Deuter. 10. 17. 2 Chr. 19. 7. Acts 10. 34. Rom. 2. 11. Galat. 2. 6. Eph. 6. 9. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17.
n Chap. 31. 15.
† Heb. *they shall take away the mighty.*
o 2 Chron. 16. 9. Chap. 31. 4. Psal. 34. 15. Prov. 5. 21. & 15. 3. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19.
p Psalm 139. 12. Amos 9. 2, 3. Hebr. 4. 13.
† Heb. *go.*
† Heb. *without search-ing out.*
† Heb. *crushed.*
† Heb. *in the place of beholders.*
† Heb. *from after him.*
q Psalm 28. 5. Isa. 5. 12.
† Heb. Should it be *from with thee?*
† Heb. *of heart.*
r Chap. 35. 16.
‖ Or, *My father, let Job be tried.*

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37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin; he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Comparison is not to be made with God, because our good or evil cannot extend unto him.* 9 *Many cry in their afflictions, but are not heard for want of faith.*

ELIHU spake moreover, and said, 2 Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more than God's?

a Chap. 21. 15. & 34. 9.

3 For [a] thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and*, What profit shall I have ‖ *if I be cleansed* from my sin?

‖ Or, by it *more than by my sin?*

† Heb. *I will return to thee words.*

4 † I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

b Chap. 22. 12.

5 [b] Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds, *which* are higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

c Chap. 22. 2, 3. Psal. 16. 2. Prov. 9. 12. Rom. 11. 35.

7 [c] If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art*, and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty;

d Psalms 42. 8. & 77. 6. & 149. 5.

10 But none saith, Where *is* God my Maker, [d] who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

e Prov. 1. 28.

12 [e] There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

f Chap. 27. 9. Prov. 15. 29. Isa. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11.

13 [f] Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

g Chap. 9. 11.

14 [g] Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, *yet* judgment *is* before him; therefore trust thou in him.

‖ That is, *God.*

15 But now, because *it is* not *so*, ‖ he hath visited in his anger; yet ‖ he knoweth *it* not in great extremity:

‖ That is, *Job.*

h Chap. 34. 35.

16 [h] Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Elihu sheweth how God is just in his ways:* 16 *how Job's sins hinder God's blessings.* 24 *God's works are to be magnified.*

ELIHU also proceeded, and said, 2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee † that *I have* yet to speak on God's behalf.

† Heb. *that there are yet words for God.*

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3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words *shall* not *be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.

5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any*: [a] *he is* mighty in strength *and* † wisdom.

a Chap. 9. 4. & 12. 13, 16. & 37. 23. Psal. 99. 4.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the ‖ poor.

† Heb. *heart.*

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

7 [b] He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but [c] with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

b Psalms 33. 18. & 34. 15.

c Psalm 113. 8.

8 And [d] if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;

d Psalm 107. 10.

9 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

10 [e] He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

e Chap. 33. 16, 23.

11 If they obey and serve *him*, they shall [f] spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures:

f Chap. 21. 13.

12 But if they obey not, † they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

† Heb. *they shall pass away by the sword.*

13 But the hypocrites in heart [g] heap up wrath; they cry not when he bindeth them:

g Rom. 2. 5.

14 [h] † They die in youth, and their life *is* among the ‖ unclean.

h Chap. 15. 32. & 22. 16. Psal. 55. 23.

15 He delivereth the ‖ poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression:

† Heb. *Their soul dieth.*

‖ Or, *sodomites.*

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place, where *there is* no straitness; and † [i] that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

† Heb. *the rest of thy table.*

17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: ‖ judgment and justice take hold *on thee.*

i Psalm 23. 5.

‖ Or, *judgment and justice should uphold* thee.

18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away with *his* stroke: then [k] a great ransom cannot † deliver thee.

k Psalm 49. 7.

† Heb. *turn thee aside.*

19 Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: [l] who teacheth like him?

l Isaiah 40. 13, 14. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.

23 [m] Who hath enjoined him his way? or [n] who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

m Chap. 34. 13.

n Chap. 34. 10.

24 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

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25 Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.

26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, [o]neither can the number of his years be searched out.

o Psalms 90. 2. & 102. 24, 27. Hebr. 1. 12.

27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof,

28 Which the clouds do drop *and* distil upon man abundantly.

29 Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth † the bottom of the sea.

† Heb. *the roots.*

31 For [p] by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.

p Chap. 37. 13. & 38. 23.

32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to shine* by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt.

33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning † the vapour.

† Heb. *that which goeth up.*

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *God is to be feared because of his great works:* 15 *his wisdom is unsearchable in them.*

AT this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

† Heb. *Hear in hearing.*

2 † Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his † lightning unto the † ends of the earth.

† Heb. *light.*

† Heb. *wings of the earth.*

4 After it [a] a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

a Psalms 29. 3. & 68. 33.

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice: [b] great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

b Chap. 5. 9. & 9. 10. & 36. 26.

6 For [c] he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; † likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

c Psalm 147. 16, 17.

† Heb. *and to the shower of rain, and to the showers of rain of his strength.*

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 † Out of the south cometh the whirlwind; and cold out of the † north.

† Heb. *Out of the chamber.*

† Heb. *scattering winds.*

10 [d] By the breath of God frost is given; and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

d Chap. 38. 29, 30. Psalm 147. 17, 18.

11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth † his bright cloud,

† Heb. *the cloud of his light.*

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels; that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 [e] He causeth it to come, whether for † correction, or [f] for his land, or [g] for mercy.

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e Exod. 9. 18, 23. 1 Sam. 12. 18, 19. Ezra 10. 9. Ch. 36. 31.

† Heb. *a rod.*

f Chap. 38. 26, 27.

g 2 Sam. 21. 10. 1 Kings 18. 45.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind?*

18 Hast thou with him [h] spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking-glass?

h Gen. 1. 6.

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; *for* we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds; but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 † Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God *is* terrible majesty.

† Heb. *Gold.*

23 *Touching* the Almighty, [i] we cannot find him out: [k] *he is* excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

i 1 Tim. 6. 16.

k Chap. 36. 5.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *God challengeth Job to answer.* 4 *God, by his mighty works, convinceth Job of ignorance,* 31 *and of imbecility.*

THEN the LORD answered Job [a] out of the whirlwind, and said,

a So Exod. 19. 16, 18. 1 Kings 19. 11. Ezek. 1. 4. Nah. 1. 3.

2 [b] Who *is* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

b Chap. 34. 35. & 42. 3.

3 [c] Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and † answer thou me.

c Chap. 40. 7.

† Heb. *make me know.*

4 [d] Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, † if thou hast understanding.

d Psalm 104. 5. Prov. 8. 29. & 30. 4.

† Heb. *if thou knowest understanding.*

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

† Heb. *sockets.*

6 Whereupon are the † foundations thereof † fastened? or who laid the corner-stone thereof,

† Heb. *made to sink.*

7 When the morning-stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 [e] Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?

e Gen. 1. 9. Psal. 33. 7. & 104. 9. Prov. 8. 29.

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9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

10 And ||[f] brake up for it my decreed *place,* and set bars and doors,

|| Or, *established my decree upon it.*
f Chap. 26. 10.

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall † thy proud waves be stayed?

† Heb. *the pride of thy waves.*

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; *and* caused the day-spring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the † ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

† Heb. *wings.*

14 It is turned as clay *to* the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and [g] the high arm shall be broken.

g Psalm 10. 15.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

h Psal. 9. 13.

17 Have [h] the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

19 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where *is* the place thereof,

|| Or, *at.*

20 That thou shouldest take it || to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths *to* the house thereof?

21 Knowest thou *it,* because thou wast then born? or *because* the number of thy days *is* great?

i Psalm 135. 7.

22 Hast thou entered into [i] the treasures of the snow; or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

k Exod. 9. 18. Josh. 10. 11. Isa. 30. 30.

23 [k] Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light parted, *which* scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters; or a way for the lightning of thunder;

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is; on* the wilderness, wherein *there is* no man;

l Psalm 107. 35.

27 [l] To satisfy the desolate and waste *ground;* and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

† Heb. *is taken.*

30 The waters are hid as *with* a stone, and the face of the deep † is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of [m] || † Pleiades, or loose the bands of † Orion?

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m Chap. 9. 9. Amos 5. 8.
|| Or, *the seven stars.*
† Heb. *Cimah.*

32 Canst thou bring forth || Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou † guide Arcturus with his sons?

† Heb. *Cesil.*
|| Or, *the twelve signs.*

33 Knowest thou [n] the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

† Heb. *guide them.*
n Jerem. 31. 35.

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, † Here we *are?*

† Heb. *Behold us?*

36 [o] Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?

o Chap. 32. 8. Psal. 51. 6. Eccl. 2. 26.

37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or † who can stay the bottles of heaven,

† Heb. *who can cause to lie down.*

38 || When the dust † groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?

|| Or, *When the dust is turned into mire.*
† Heb. *is poured.*

39 [p] Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion, or fill † the appetite of the young lions,

p Psalm 104. 21.
† Heb. *the life.*

40 When they couch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 [q] Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

q Psalm 147. 9. Mat. 6. 26.

CHAP. XXXIX.

God sheweth his power; 1 *Of the wild goats and hinds,* 5 *of the wild ass,* 9 *the unicorn,* 13 *the peacock, stork, and ostrich,* 19 *the horse,* 26 *the hawk,* 27 *the eagle.*

KNOWEST thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? *or* canst thou mark when [a] the hinds do calve?

a Psalm 29. 9.

2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil? or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?

6 [b] Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the † barren land his dwellings.

b Chap. 24. 5. Jer. 2. 24. Hos. 8. 9.
† Heb. *salt places.*

7 He scorneth the multitude of the city, [c] neither regardeth he the crying † of the driver.

c Chap. 3. 18.
† Heb. *of the exactor.*

8 The range of the mountains *is* his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

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9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn?

13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or ‖ wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

‖ Or, *the feathers of the stork and ostrich.*

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though *they were* not her's: her labour is in vain without fear;

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grashopper? the glory of his nostrils *is* † terrible,

† Heb. *terrors.*

21 ‖ He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in *his* strength: he goeth on to meet † the armed men.

‖ Or, *His feet dig.*

† Heb. *the armour.*

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage; neither believeth he that *it is* the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, *and* stretch her wings toward the south?

† Heb. *by thy mouth.*

27 Doth the eagle mount up † at thy command, and [d] make her nest on high?

[d] Jerem. 49. 16. Obad. 4.

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and [e] where the slain *are*, there *is* she.

[e] Matth. 24. 28. Luke 17. 37.

CHAP. XL.

Before CHRIST cir. 1520.

1 *Job humbleth himself to God: 6 God stirreth him up to shew his righteousness, power, and wisdom. 15 Of the behemoth.*

MOREOVER, the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him?* he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 [a] Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? [b] I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

[a] Chap. 42. 6.
[b] Psalm 39. 9.

5 Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will proceed no further.

6 ¶ [c] Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

[c] Chap. 38. 1.

7 [d] Gird up thy loins now like a man: [e] I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

[d] Chap. 38. 3.
[e] Chap. 42. 4.

8 [f] Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

[f] Psalm 51. 4. Rom. 3. 4.

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 [g] Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency, and array thyself with glory and beauty.

[g] Psalm 104. 1.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath; and behold every one *that is* proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together, *and* bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 ¶ Behold now ‖ behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

‖ Or, *the elephant,* as some think.

16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

17 ‖ He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

‖ Or, *He setteth up.*

18 His bones *are as* strong pieces of brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron.

19 He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach *unto him.*

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

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22 The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

† Heb. *he oppresseth.*

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8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

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10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

a Rom. 11. 35. b Deuter. 10. 14. Psal. 24. 1. & 50. 12. 1 Corinth. 10. 26, 28.

11 [a]Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him?* [b]*whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* ||with his double bridle?

|| Or, *within.*

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

† Heb. *strong pieces of shields.*

15 *His* †scales *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething-pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

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22 In his neck remaineth strength, and †sorrow is turned into joy before him.

† Heb. *sorrow rejoiceth.*

† Heb. *The fallings.*

23 †The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *millstone.*

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold; the spear, the dart, nor the ||habergeon.

|| Or, *breastplate.*

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee; sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

† Heb. *Sharp pieces of the potherd.*

30 †Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, ||who is made without fear.

|| Or, *who behave themselves without fear.*

34 He beholdeth all high *things:* he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *Job submitteth himself unto God.* 7 *God, preferring Job's cause, maketh his friends submit themselves, and accepteth him:* 10 *he magnifieth and blesseth Job:* 16 *his age and death.*

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing,* and *that* ||no thought can be withholden from thee.

|| Or, *no thought of thine can be hindered.*

3 [a]Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; [b]things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

a Chap. 38. 2. b Psalms 40. 5. & 131. 1. & 139. 6.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: [c]I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

c Chap. 38. 3. & 40. 7.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee:

6 Wherefore I abhor *myself,* and repent in dust and ashes.

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7 ¶ And it was *so*, that, after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and [d] go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering, and my servant Job shall pray for you; for †him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite, went and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted †Job.

10 [e]And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD †gave Job [f]twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house; and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an ear-ring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, ||Jemima, and the name of the second, ||Kezia, and the name of the third, ||Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 ¶ After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.

17 So Job died, *being* old, and full of days.

d Matth. 5. 24.

† Heb. *his face, or, person.*

† Heb. *the face of Job.*

e Psalms 14. 7. & 126. 1.

† Heb. *added all that* had been *to Job unto the double.*

f Isa. 40. 2.

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‖ That is, *Handsome as the day.*

‖ That is, *Superfices, or, angle, or, cassia.*

‖ That is, *The horn, or, child of beauty.*

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* Luke 20. 42. Acts 1. 20.

PSALM I.

1 *The happiness of the godly.* 4 *The miserable state of the ungodly.*

BLESSED [a]*is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ||ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, [b]nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful:

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; [c]and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree [d]planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not †wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so; but *are* [e]like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly [f]shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For [g]the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

n Prov. 4. 14, 15.

‖ Or, *wicked.*

b Psalm 26. 4. Jer. 15. 17.

c Josh. 1. 8. Psalm 119. 1, 97.

d Jer. 17. 8. Ezek. 47. 12.

† Heb. *fade.*

e Job 21. 18. Psal. 35. 5. Isa. 17. 13. & 29. 5. Hos. 13. 3.

f Wisd. 5. 1.

g Nahum 1. 7.

PSALM II.

1 *The kingdom of Christ:* 10 *kings are exhorted to accept it.*

WHY [a]do the heathen ||rage, and the people †imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his [b]Anointed, *saying*,

3 [c]Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 [d]He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and ||vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I †set my King †[e]upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare ||the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, [f]Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 [g]Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 [h]Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 [i]Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 [k]Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when

1047. a Psal. 46. 6. Acts 4. 25.

‖ Or, *tumultuously assemble.*

† Heb. *meditate.*

b Psalm 45. 7.

c Jer. 5. 5. Luke 19. 14.

d Psalm 37. 13. & 59. 8. Prov. 1. 26.

‖ Or, *trouble.*

† Heb. *anointed.*

† Heb. *upon Zion, the hill of my holiness.*

e 2 Sam. 5. 7.

‖ Or, *for a decree.*

f Acts 13. 33. Hebr. 1. 5. & 5. 5.

g Ps. 22. 27. & 72. 8. & 89. 27. Dan. 7. 13, 14. See John 17. 4, 5.

h Psalm 89. 23. Rev. 2. 27. & 12. 5. & 19. 15.

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9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

a Rom. 11. 35. b Deuter. 10. 14. Psal. 24. 1. & 50. 12. 1 Corinth. 10. 26, 28.

11 [a] Who hath prevented me, that I should repay *him?* [b] *whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

‖ Or, *within.*

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* ‖ with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

† Heb. *strong pieces of shields.*

15 *His* †scales *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething-pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

Before CHRIST cir. 1520.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and †sorrow is turned into joy before him.

† Heb. *sorrow rejoiceth.*

† Heb. *The fallings.*

23 †The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *millstone.*

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold; the spear, the dart, nor the ‖ habergeon.

‖ Or, *breastplate.*

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee; sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

† Heb. *Sharp pieces of the potsherd.*

30 †Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

‖ Or, *who behave themselves with out fear.*

33 Upon earth there is not his like, ‖ who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high *things:* he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *Job submitteth himself unto God.* 7 *God, preferring Job's cause, maketh his friends submit themselves, and accepteth him:* 10 *he magnifieth and blesseth Job:* 16 *his age and death.*

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

‖ Or, *no thought of thine can be hindered.*

2 I know that thou canst do every *thing,* and *that* ‖ no thought can be withholden from thee.

a Chap. 38. 2.

3 [a] Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; [b] things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

b Psalms 40. 5. & 131. 1. & 139. 6.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: [c] I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

c Chap. 38. 3. & 40. 7.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee:

6 Wherefore I abhor *myself,* and repent in dust and ashes.

Before CHRIST cir. 1520.

7 ¶ And it was *so*, that, after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and [d] go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering, and my servant Job shall pray for you; for †him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, *and* Zophar the Naamathite, went and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted †Job.

10 [e] And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD †gave Job [f] twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house; and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an ear-ring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, ||Jemima, and the name of the second, ||Kezia, and the name of the third, ||Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 ¶ After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations.

17 So Job died, *being* old, and full of days.

Before CHRIST cir. 1520.

d Matth. 5. 24.

† Heb. *his face*, or, *person*.

† Heb. *the face of Job*.

e Psalms 14. 7. & 126. 1.

† Heb. *added all that* had been *to Job unto the double*.

f Isa. 40. 2.

|| That is, *Handsome as the day*.

|| That is, *Superfices*, or, *angle*, or, *cassia*.

|| That is, *The horn*, or, *child of beauty*.

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* Luke 20. 42. Acts 1. 20.

PSALM I.

1 *The happiness of the godly.* 4 *The miserable state of the ungodly.*

BLESSED [a] *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ||ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, [b] nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful:

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; [c] and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree [d] planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not †wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly *are* not so; but *are* [e] like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly [f] shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For [g] the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

a Prov. 4. 14, 15.

|| Or, *wicked*.

b Psalm 26. 4. Jer. 15. 17.

c Josh. 1. 8. Psalm 119. 1, 97.

d Jer. 17. 8. Ezek. 47. 12.

† Heb. *fade*.

e Job 21. 18. Psal. 35. 5. Isa. 17. 13. & 29. 5. Hos. 13. 3.

f Wisd. 5. 1.

g Nahum 1. 7.

PSALM II.

1 *The kingdom of Christ:* 10 *kings are exhorted to accept it.*

WHY [a] do the heathen ||rage, and the people †imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his [b] Anointed, *saying*,

3 [c] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 [d] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and ||vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I †set my King †[e] upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare ||the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, [f] Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 [g] Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 [h] Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 [i] Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 [k] Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when

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a Psal. 46. 6. Acts 4. 25.

|| Or, *tumultuously assemble*.

† Heb. *meditate*.

b Psalm 45. 7.

c Jer. 5. 5. Luke 19. 14.

d Psalm 37. 13. & 59. 8. Prov. 1. 26.

|| Or, *trouble*.

† Heb. *anointed*.

† Heb. *upon Zion, the hill of my holiness*.

e 2 Sam. 5. 7.

|| Or, *for a decree*.

f Acts 13. 33. Hebr. 1. 5. & 5. 5.

g Ps. 22. 27. & 72. 8. & 89. 27. Dan. 7. 13, 14. See John 17. 4, 5.

h Psalm 89. 23. Rev. 2. 27. & 12. 5. & 19. 15.

i Hebr. 12. 28.

k Genes. 41. 40. 1 Sam. 10. 1.

his wrath is kindled but a little. [l] Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

[l] Ps. 34. 8. Prov. 16. 20. Isa. 30. 18. Jer. 17. 7. Rom. 9. 33. & 10. 11. 1 Pet. 2. 6.

PSALM III.

The security of God's protection.

¶ A psalm of David, when [*] he fled from Absalom his son.

[*] 2 Sam. 15. & 16. & 17. & 18. 1023.

LORD, [a] how are they increased that trouble me? many *are* they that rise up against me.

[a] 2 Sam. 16. 15.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, [b] *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

[b] 2 Sam. 16. 8.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield ‖ for me; my glory, and [c] the lifter up of mine head.

‖ Or, *about.* [c] Ps. 27. 6.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 [d] I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the LORD sustained me.

[d] Psal. 4. 8. Prov. 3. 24.

6 [e] I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

[e] Ps. 27. 3.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: [f] for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

[f] Job 16. 10. Psal. 58. 6. Lam. 3. 30.

8 [g] Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

[g] Prov. 21. 31. Isa. 43. 11. Jer. 3. 23. Hos. 13. 4. Jonah 2. 9. Rev. 7. 10. & 19. 1.

PSALM IV.

1 David prayeth for audience: 2 he reproveth and exhorteth his enemies. 6 Man's happiness consisteth in God's favour.

¶ To the ‖ chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm of David.

‖ Or, *overseer,* Hab. 3. 19.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; ‖ have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

‖ Or, *be gracious unto me.*

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 [a] Stand in awe, and sin not: [b] commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

[a] Ephes. 4. 26. [b] Ps. 77. 6.

5 Offer [c] the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

[c] Deuter. 33. 19. Psal. 50. 14. & 51. 19. 2 Sam. 15. 12.

6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? [d] LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

[d] Numb. 6. 26. Psalms 80. 3, 7, 19. & 119. 135.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 [e] I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: [f] for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

[e] Job 11. 18, 19. Psal. 3. 5. [f] Lev. 25. 18, 19. & 26. 5. Deut. 12. 10.

PSALM V.

1 David prayeth, and professeth constancy in prayer. 4 God favoureth not the wicked. 7 David, professing his faith, prayeth unto God, &c.

¶ To the chief musician upon Nehiloth, A psalm of David.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 [a] My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

[a] Ps. 30. 5. & 130. 6.

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 [b] The foolish shall not stand † in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

[b] Habak. 1. 13. † Heb. *before thine eyes.*

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: [c] the LORD will abhor † the bloody and deceitful man.

[c] Ps. 55. 23. † Heb. *the man of blood and deceit.*

7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; *and* in thy fear will I worship [d] toward † thy holy temple.

[d] Ps. 28. 2. & 132. 7. 138. 2. † Heb. *the temple of thy holiness.*

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of † mine enemies; [e] make thy way straight before my face.

† Heb. *those which observe me.* [e] Ps. 25. 4. & 27. 11.

9 For *there is* no ‖ faithfulness † in their mouth; their inward part *is* † very wickedness; [f] their throat *is* an open sepulchre; [g] they flatter with their tongue.

‖ Or, *stedfastness.* † Heb. *in his mouth,* that is, *in the mouth of any of them.*

10 ‖ Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall ‖ by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

† Heb. *wickednesses.* [f] Luke 11. 44. Rom. 3. 13. [g] Ps. 62. 4.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because † thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

‖ Or, *Make them guilty.* ‖ Or, *from their counsels.* † Heb. *thou coverest over,* or, *protectest them.*

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou † compass him as *with* a shield.

† Heb. *crown him.*

PSALM VI.

1 David complaineth in his sickness: 8 by faith he triumpheth over his enemies.

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth ‖ [*] upon Sheminith, A psalm of David.

‖ Or, *upon the eighth:* See 1 Chr. 15. 21. [*] Psal. 12. title.

O [a] LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

[a] Ps. 38. 1. Jer. 10. 24. & 46. 28.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: Oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

b Ps. 30. 9. & 88. 11. & 115. 17. & 118. 17. Isa. 38. 18.

5 [b] For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

‖ Or, *every night.*

6 I am weary with my groaning; ‖all the night make I my bed to swim: I water my couch with my tears.

c Job 17. 7. Psal. 31. 9. & 38. 10. & 88. 9. Lam. 5. 17.

7 [c] Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

d Psalm 119. 115. Matth. 7. 23. & 25. 41. Luke 13. 27.

8 [d] Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

1 *David prayeth against the malice of his enemies, professing his innocence:* 10 *by faith he seeth his defence, and derideth the vain enterprizes of his enemies.*

* Hab. 3. 1. * 2 Sam. 16. cir. 1062. ‖ Or, *business.*

¶ * Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, * concerning the ‖ words of Cush the Benjamite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

n Isa. 38. 13.

2 [a] Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* † none to deliver.

† Heb. *not a deliverer.*

b 2 Sam. 16. 7, 8.

3 O LORD my God, [b] if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, [c] I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)

c 1 Sam. 24. 7. & 26. 9.

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take *it;* yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

d Ps. 94. 2.

6 [d] Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself, because of the rage of

e Ps. 44. 23.

mine enemies; and [e] awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

f Ps. 18. 20.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, [f] according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: [g] for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

g 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Chron. 28. 9. Psal. 139. 1. Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. & 20. 12. Rev. 2. 23.

10 † My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

† Heb. *My buckler is upon God.*

11 ‖ God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

‖ Or, *God is a righteous judge.*

12 If he turn not, he will [h] whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

h Deuter. 32. 41.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; [i] he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

i Deuter. 32. 23, 42. Psal. 64. 7.

14 [k] Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

k Job 15. 35. Isa. 33. 11. & 59. 4. Jam. 1. 15.

15 † He made a pit, and digged it, [l] and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

† Heb. *he hath digged a pit.*

l Job 4. 8. Psal. 9. 15. & 10. 2. & 35. 8. & 94. 23. & 141. 10. Prov. 5. 22. & 26. 27. Eccl. 10. 8.

16 [m] His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness; and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

m 1 Kings 2. 32.

PSALM VIII.

God's glory is magnified by his works, and by his astonishing love to man.

* Psal. 81. & 84. titles.

¶ To the chief musician * upon Gittith, A psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who [a] hast set thy glory above the heavens.

a Ps. 113. 4. & 148. 13.

b See Mat. 11. 25. & 21. 16. 1 Corinth. 1. 27.

2 [b] Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou † ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still [c] the enemy and the avenger.

† Heb. *founded.*

c Ps. 44. 16.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

d Job 7. 17. Psal. 144. 3. Hebr. 2. 6.

4 [d] What *is* man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

e Genes. 1. 26, 28.

6 [e] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; [f] thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

f 1 Corinth. 15. 27. Hebr. 2. 8.

† Heb. *Flocks and herds all of them.*

7 † All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

1 *David praiseth God for executing of judgment:* 11 *he inciteth others to praise him:* 13 *he prayeth that he may have cause to praise him.*

1018. ¶ To the chief musician upon ||Muth-labben, A psalm of David.

‖ Or, *The death of the warrior.*

I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O [a] thou most High.

a Ps. 83. 18.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

† Heb. *thou hast made my judgment.*

4 For † thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging † right.

† Heb. *in righteousness.*

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, [b] thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

b Deuter. 9. 14.

‖ Or, *The destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, &c.*

6 ||O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

c Psalm 102. 12.

7 [c] But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment;

d Ps. 96. 13. & 98. 9.

8 And [d] he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

e Psal. 32. 7. & 37. 39. & 46. 1. & 91. 2.

9 [e] The LORD also will be † a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

† Heb. *an high place.*

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

f Gen. 9. 5.

12 [f] When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ||humble.

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

g Psal. 7. 15, 16. & 35. 8. & 57. 6. & 94. 23. Prov. 5. 22. & 22. 8. & 26. 27.

15 [g] The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. ||[h] Higgaion. Selah.

‖ That is, *Meditation.*

h Psal. 19. 14. & 92. 3.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD; *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Selah.

PSALM X.

1 *David complaineth to God of the outrages of the wicked:* 12 *he prayeth for redress:* 16 *he professeth his confidence.*

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

† Heb. *In the pride of the wicked he doth persecute.*

2 † The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: [a] let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

a Psal. 7. 16. & 9. 15, 16. Prov. 5. 22.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his † heart's desire, and [b] ||blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

† Heb. *soul's.* b Prov. 28. 4. Rom. 1. 32.

‖ Or, *the covetous blesseth himself, he abhorreth the LORD.*

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, [c] will not seek *after God:* ||God *is* not in all his [d] thoughts.

c Psal. 14. 2.

‖ Or, *all his thoughts are, There is no God.*

5 His ways are always grievous; [e] thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, [f] he puffeth at them.

d Psal. 14. 1. & 53. 1. e Prov. 24. 1. f Psal. 12. 5.

6 [g] He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* † never *be* in adversity.

g Eccles. 8. 11. Isa. 56. 12.

† Heb. *unto generation and generation.*

7 [h] His mouth is full of cursing, and † deceit, and fraud; under his tongue *is* mischief [i] and ||vanity.

h Rom. 3. 14.

† Heb. *deceits.* i Psal. 12. 2.

‖ Or, *iniquity.*

8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages; [k] in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: [l] his eyes † are privily set against the poor.

k Habak. 3. 14. l Ps. 17. 11.

† Heb. *hide themselves.* m Psalm 17. 12.

9 [m] He lieth in wait † secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

† Heb. *in the secret places.*

10 † He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall ||by his strong ones.

† Heb. *He breaketh himself.*

‖ Or, *into his strong parts.*

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: [n] he hideth his face; he will never see *it.*

n Job 22. 13. Psal. 73. 11. & 94. 7.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the ||humble.

‖ Or, *afflicted.*

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it.*

14 Thou hast seen *it;* for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor † committeth himself unto thee; [o] thou art the helper of the fatherless.

† Heb. *cleaveth.* o Psal. 68. 5.

15 [p] Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man:* seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 [q] The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt || prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more || oppress.

PSALM XI.

1 *David encourageth himself in God against his enemies.* 4 *The providence and justice of God.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm of David.

IN the LORD put I my trust: [a] how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, [b] the wicked bend *their* bow, [c] they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may † privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 [d] If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 [e] The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD's throne *is* in heaven: [f] his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.

6 [g] Upon the wicked he shall rain || snares, fire and brimstone, and || an horrible tempest: [h] *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM XII.

1 *David, destitute of human comfort, craveth help of God:* 3 *he comforteth himself with God's judgments on the wicked, and confidence in God's faithful promises.*

¶ To the chief musician || * upon Sheminith, A psalm of David.

|| HELP, LORD; for [a] the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 [b] They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: [c] *with* flattering lips, *and* with † a double heart, do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh [d] † proud things;

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips † *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that* || [e] puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words: [f] *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve † them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when † the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

1 *David, complaining of wicked men, craveth help of God:* 3 *he prayeth God to support him, that his enemies may not insult over him:* 5 *he trusteth in the divine mercy.*

¶ To the || chief musician,
A psalm of David.

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? [a] how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, [b] lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;

4 [c] Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

1 *David describeth the general corruption of mankind:* 4 *he convinceth the wicked by the light of their conscience:* 7 *he glorieth in the salvation of God.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm of David.

THE [a] fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. [b] They are corrupt; they have done abominable works; *there is* none that doeth good.

2 [c] The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become † filthy: [d] *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who [e] eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and [f] call not upon the LORD.

5 There † were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

p Psalm 37. 17.

q Psalms 29. 10. & 145. 13. & 146. 10. Jer. 10. 10. Lam. 5. 19. Dan. 4. 34. & 6. 26. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

|| Or, *establish.*

|| Or, *cerrify.*

cir. 1060.
a See 1 Sam. 26. 19.

b Psalm 64. 3, 4.
c Ps. 21. 12.
† Heb. *in darkness.*

d Ps. 82. 5.

e Habak. 2. 20.
f Ps. 33. 13. & 34. 15, 16. & 66. 7.

g Genes. 19. 24. Ezekiel 38. 22.
|| Or, *quick burning coals.*
|| Or, *a burning tempest.*
h See Gen. 43. 34. 1 Sam. 1. 4. & 9. 23. Psal. 75. 8.

|| Or, *upon the eighth.*
* Psalm 6. title.
|| Or, *Save.*
a Isa. 57. 1. Micah 7. 2.

b Ps. 10. 7.

c Ps. 28. 3. Jer. 9. 8.
† Heb. *an heart and an heart.*

d 1 Sam. 2. 3. Dan. 7. 8.
† Heb. *great things.*
† Heb. *are with us.*

|| Or, *would ensnare him.*
e Ps. 10. 5.

f 2 Sam. 22. 31. Psal. 18. 30. & 119. 140. Prov. 30. 5.
† Heb. *him;* that is, *every one of them.*
† Heb. *the vilest of the sons of men are exalted.*

|| Or, *overseer.*

a Deuter. 31. 17. Job 13. 24. Psal. 44. 24. & 89. 46.

b Jerem. 51. 39.

c Psal. 25. 2.

a Psal. 10. 4. & 53. 1.
b Rom. 3. 10, &c.

c Psalm 102. 19.

† Heb. *stinking.*
d Rom. 3. 10.

e Amos 8. 4. Mic. 3. 3.
f Isa. 64. 7.

† Heb. *they feared a fear.*

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD *is* his refuge.

† Heb. *Who will give,* &c. See Rom. 11. 26.

7 † Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! [g] When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

g Job 42.10. Psal. 126. 1.

PSALM XV.

David describeth a citizen of Zion.

¶ A psalm of David.

LORD, [a] who shall † abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

a Psalm 24. 3, &c. † Heb. *sojourn.*

2 [b] He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

b Isaiah 33. 15.

3 [c] *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, [d] nor ‖ taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

c Lev. 19. 16. Psal. 34. 13.

d Exod. 23. 1. ‖ Or, *receiveth,* or, *endureth.*

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD: *he that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

e Exod. 22. 25. Lev. 25. 36. Deut. 23. 19. Ezek. 18. 8. & 22. 12.

5 [e] *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, [f] nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things* [g] shall never be moved.

f Exod. 23. 8. Deut. 16. 19.

g Psal. 16. 8.

PSALM XVI.

1 *David fleeth to God for preservation:* 5 *he sheweth the hope of his calling, of the resurrection, and life everlasting.*

¶ ‖ * Michtam of David.

‖ Or, *A golden* psalm *of David.* * So Psalms 56. & 57. & 58. & 59. & 60.

PRESERVE me, O God: [a] for in thee do I put my trust.

a Psalm 25. 20.

2 *O my soul,* thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: [b] my goodness *extendeth* not to thee;

b Job 22. 2, 3. & 35. 7, 8. Psal. 50. 9. Rom. 11. 35.

3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the earth, and *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* ‖ hasten *after* another *god:* their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, [c] nor take up their names into my lips.

‖ Or, *give gifts to another.*

c Josh. 23. 7. Hosea 2. 16, 17.

5 [d] The LORD *is* the portion † of mine inheritance and [e] of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

d Deuter. 32. 9. Ps. 73. 26. & 142. 5. Lam. 3. 24.

† Heb. *of my part.*

e Psal. 11. 6.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places;* yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: [f] my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

f Psal. 17. 3.

8 [g] I have set the LORD always before me: because [h] *he is* at my right hand, [i] I shall not be moved.

g Acts 2. 25. h Psal. 73. 23. & 110. 5. & 121. 5. i Psal. 15. 5.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, [k] and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall † rest in hope:

k Psal. 30. 12. & 57. 8. † Heb. *dwell confidently.*

10 [l] For thou wilt not leave [m] my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

l Ps. 49. 15. Acts 2. 31. & 13. 35. m Levit. 19. 28.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: [n] in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; [o] at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Numb. 6. 6. n Psal. 17. 15. & 21. 6. Mat. 5. 8. 1 Corinth. 13. 12. 1 John 3. 2. o Psal. 36. 8.

PSALM XVII.

1 *David, in confidence of his integrity, craveth defence of God against his enemies:* 10 *he sheweth their pride, craft, and eagerness:* 13 *he prayeth against them in confidence of his hope.*

¶ A prayer of David.

HEAR † the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* † not out of feigned lips.

† Heb. *justice.* † Heb. *without lips of deceit.*

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; [a] thou hast visited *me* in the night; [b] thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing: I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

a Psal. 16. 7. b Job 23. 10. Psal. 26. 2. & 66. 10. Zech. 13. 9. Mal. 3. 2, 3. 1 Peter 1. 7.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 [c] Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps † slip not.

c Psalm 119. 133. † Heb. *be not moved.*

6 [d] I have called upon thee; for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

d Ps. 116. 2.

7 [e] Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou ‖ that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them.*

e Ps. 31. 21. ‖ Or, *that savest them which trust in thee from those that rise up against thy right hand.*

8 [f] Keep me as the apple of the eye; [g] hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

f Deuter. 32. 10. Zech. 2. 8. g Ruth 2. 12. Psal. 36. 7. & 57. 1. & 63. 7. & 91. 1, 4. Mat. 23. 37.

9 From the wicked † that oppress me, *from* † my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

† Heb. *that waste me.* † Heb. *my enemies against the soul.*

10 [h] They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

h Deuter. 32. 15. Job 15. 27. Psal. 73. 7. & 119. 70.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: [i] they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

i Psalm 10. 8, 9, 10.

12 † Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion † lurking in secret places.

† Heb. *The likeness of him* (that is, *of every one of them*) *is as a lion* that *desireth to ravin.* † Heb. *sitting.*

13 Arise, O LORD; † disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, [k] ‖ *which is* thy sword;

† Heb. *prevent his face.* k Isa. 10. 5.

14 ‖ From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, [l] *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest

‖ Or, *by thy sword.* ‖ Or, *From men by thine hand.* l Luke 16. 25.

with thy hid *treasure:* || they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

|| Or, *their children are full.*

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: [m] I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

m Psal. 4. 6, 7. & 16. 11. & 65. 4.

PSALM XVIII.

David praiseth God for his manifold and marvellous blessings.

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David *, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of * this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said,

* Psal. 36. title.

*2 Sam. 22.

I [a] WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.

a Ps. 144. 1.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, † my strength, [b] in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

† Heb. *my rock.*

b Heb. 2. 13.

3 I will call upon the LORD, [c] *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

c Psal. 76. 4.

4 [d] The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of † ungodly men made me afraid.

d Ps. 116. 3.

† Heb. *Belial.*

5 The || sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me.

|| Or, *cords.*

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 [e] Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

e Acts 4. 31.

8 There went up a smoke † out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

† Heb. *by his.*

9 [f] He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

f Ps. 144. 5.

10 [g] And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; yea, [h] he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

g Psal. 99. 1.

h Ps. 104. 3.

11 He made darkness his secret place; [i] his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

i Psal. 97. 2.

12 [k] At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail-*stones* and coals of fire.

k Psal. 97. 3.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave [l] his voice; hail-*stones* and coals of fire.

l Psal. 29. 3.

14 [m] Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

m Joshua 10. 10. Psal. 144. 6. Isai. 30. 30.

15 [n] Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

n Exod. 15. 8. Psal. 106. 9.

16 [o] He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of || many waters.

o Ps. 144. 7.

|| Or, *great waters.*

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 [p] He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

p Psal. 31. 8. & 118. 5.

20 [q] The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

q 1 Sam. 24. 20.

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright † before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

† Heb. *with.*

24 [r] Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands † in his eye-sight.

r 1 Sam. 26. 23.

† Heb. *before his eyes.*

25 [s] With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

s 1 Kings 8. 32.

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and [t] with the froward thou wilt || shew thyself froward.

t Lev. 26. 23, 24, 27, 28. Prov. 3. 34.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down [u] high looks.

|| Or, *wrestle.*

u Ps. 101. 5. Prov. 6. 17.

28 [x] For thou wilt light my || candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

x Job 18. 6.

|| Or, *lamp,* Job 29. 3.

29 For by thee I have || run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

|| Or, *broken.*

30 *As for* God, [y] his way *is* perfect: [z] the word of the LORD is || tried; he *is* a buckler [a] to all those that trust in him.

y Deuter. 32. 4. Dan. 4. 37. Rev. 15. 3.

z Psal. 12. 6. & 119. 140. Prov. 30. 5.

31 [b] For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

|| Or, *refined.*

a Psal. 17. 7.

32 *It is* God that [c] girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

b Deut. 32. 31, 39. 1 Sam. 2. 2. Psal. 86. 8. Isai. 45. 5.

33 [d] He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet,* and [e] setteth me upon my high places.

c Verse 39. Psal. 91. 2.

d 2 Sam. 2. 18. Hab. 3. 19.

34 [f] He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

e Deuter. 32. 13. & 33. 29.

f Ps. 144. 1.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and ‖ thy gentleness hath made me great.

‖ Or, *with thy meekness thou hast multiplied me.*

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, [g] that † my feet did not slip.

g Prov. 4. 12.

† Heb. *mine ancles.*

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them, that they were not able to rise; they are fallen under my feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast † subdued under me those that rose up against me.

† Heb. *caused to bow.*

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to save *them;* [h] *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

h Job 27. 9. & 35. 12. Prov. 1. 28. Isai. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11. & 14. 12. Ezek. 8. 18. Micah 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind; I did [i] cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

i Zech. 10. 5.

43 [k] Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; *and* [l] thou hast made me the head of the heathen: [m] a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

k 2 Sam. 2. 9, 10. & 3. 1. l 2 Sam. 8. m Is. 52. 15. & 55. 5.

44 † As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: † the strangers [n] shall ‖ † submit themselves unto me.

† Heb. *At the hearing of the ear.* † Heb. *the sons of the stranger.* n Deuter. 33. 29. Psal. 66. 3. & 81. 15.

45 [o] The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience.* † Heb. *lie.* o Mic. 7. 17.

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be* my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 *It is* God that † avengeth me, [p] and ‖ subdueth the people under me.

†Heb. *giveth avengements for me.* p Ps. 47. 3.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, [q] thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the † violent man.

‖ Or, *destroyeth.* q Ps. 59. 1. † Heb. *man of violence.*

49 [r] Therefore will I ‖ give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

r Rom. 15. 9. ‖ Or, *confess.*

50 [s] Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed [t] for evermore.

s Psalm 144. 10.

t 2 Sam. 7. 13.

PSALM XIX.

1 *The creatures praise God.* 7 *The excellency of God's law.* 12 *David prayeth for grace.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

THE [a] heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

a Gen. 1. 6. Isai. 40. 22. Rom. 1. 19, 20.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no speech nor language ‖ † *where* their voice is not heard.

‖ Or, *without these* † Heb. *without their voice heard.*

4 [b] ‖ Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;

b Rom. 10. 18. ‖ Or, *Their rule,* or, *direction.*

5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, [c] *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

c Eccles. 1. 5.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 [d] The ‖ law of the LORD *is* perfect, ‖ converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

d Ps. 111. 7. ‖ Or, *doctrine.* ‖ Or, *restoring.*

8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: [e] the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes:

e Psal. 12. 6.

9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* † true *and* righteous altogether.

† Heb. *truth.*

10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, [f] yea, than much fine gold; [g] sweeter also than honey, and † the honey-comb.

f Psal. 119. 72, 127. g Psalm 119. 103. † Heb. *the dropping of honey combs.*

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

12 [h] Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from [i] secret *faults.*

h Ps. 40. 12. i Psal. 90. 8.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins;* [k] let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from ‖ the great transgression.

k Psalm 119. 133. Rom. 6. 12, 14. ‖ Or, *much.*

14 [l] Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, † my strength, and my redeemer.

l Ps. 51. 15. † Heb. *my rock.*

PSALM XX.

1 *The church blesseth the king in his exploits:* 5 *her confidence in God's succour.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob † defend thee.

† Heb. *set thee on an high place.*

2 Send † thee help from the sanctuary, and † strengthen thee out of Zion.

† Heb. *thy help.* † Heb. *support thee.*

3 Remember all thy offerings, and † accept thy burnt-sacrifice. Selah.

† Heb. *turn to ashes;* or, *make fat.*

4 [a] Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

a Psal. 21. 2.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
and [b] in the name of our God we
will set up *our* banners: the LORD
fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth
his anointed: he will hear him †from
his holy heaven †with the saving
strength of his right hand.

7 [c] Some *trust* in chariots, and some
in horses: but we will remember the
name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and
fallen; but we are risen, and stand
upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the King hear
us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

1 *A thanksgiving for victory.* 7 *Confidence of further success.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm of David.

THE king shall joy in thy strength,
O LORD; and in thy salvation
how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 [a] Thou hast given him his heart's
desire, and hast not withholden the
request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the
blessings of goodness: thou settest a
crown of pure gold on his head.

4 [b] He asked life of thee, *and* thou
gavest *it* him, [c] *even* length of days
for ever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou
laid upon him.

6 For thou hast †made him most
blessed for ever: [d] thou hast †made him
exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD;
and, through the mercy of the most
High, he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all
thine enemies; thy right hand shall
find out those that hate thee.

9 [e] Thou shalt make them as a fiery
oven in the time of thine anger; the
LORD shall swallow them up in his
wrath, [f] and the fire shall devour them.

10 [g] Their fruit shalt thou destroy
from the earth, and their seed from
among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against
thee; they imagined a mischievous
device, *which* they are not able *to perform:*

12 Therefore ‖ shalt thou make
them turn their †back, *when* thou
shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon
thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine
own strength: *so* will we sing and
praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

1 *David complaineth in great discouragement:* 9 *he prayeth in great distress:* 23 *he praiseth God.*

¶ To the chief musician upon ‖ Aijeleth Shahar, A psalm of David.

MY [a] God, my God, why hast
thou forsaken me? *why art thou so* far †from helping me, *and from* [b] the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the day time,
but thou hearest not; and in the
night season, and †am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that
inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they
trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were
delivered: [c] they trusted in thee, and
were not confounded.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man;
[d] a reproach of men, and despised of
the people.

7 [e] All they that see me laugh me
to scorn: they †shoot out the lip,
[f] they shake the head, *saying,*

8 [g] †He trusted on the LORD *that* he
would deliver him: [h] let him deliver
him, ‖ seeing he delighted in him.

9 [i] But thou *art* he that took me
out of the womb; thou ‖ didst make
me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the
womb: [k] thou *art* my God from my
mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble
is near; for *there is* †none to help.

12 [l] Many bulls have compassed
me: strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me round.

13 [m] They †gaped upon me *with*
their mouths, *as* a ravening and a
roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,
[n] and all my bones are ‖ out of joint:
[o] my heart is like wax; it is melted
in the midst of my bowels.

15 [p] My strength is dried up like a
potsherd; and [q] my tongue cleaveth
to my jaws; and thou hast brought
me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me;
the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: [r] they pierced my hands
and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: [s] they
look *and* stare upon me.

18 [t] They part my garments among
them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me,
O LORD: O my strength, haste thee
to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
u † my darling † from the power of the dog.
21 x Save me from the lion's mouth:
y for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
22 z I will declare thy name unto
a my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from
b him; but b when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 c My praise *shall be* of thee in the great congregation: d I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 e The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
27 f All the ends of the world shall remember, and turn unto the LORD;
g and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 h For the kingdom *is* the LORD's; and he *is* the governor among the nations.
29 i All *they that be* fat upon earth shall eat and worship: k all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him; and none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him; l it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.
31 m They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done *this.*

u Psalm 35. 17.
† Heb. *my only one.*
† Heb. *from the hand.*
x 2 Tim. 4. 17.
y Isa. 34. 7. Acts 4. 27.
z Hebr. 2. 12. Psal. 40. 9.
a John 20. 17. Rom. 8. 29.
b Hebr. 5. 7.
c Psalm 35. 18.
d Psalm 116. 14.
e Lev. 7. 11, 12, 15, 16. Psal. 69. 32. Isa. 65. 13.
f Psal. 2. 8. & 72. 11. & 86. 9. & 98. 3. Isa. 49. 6.
g Psal. 96. 7.
h Obad. 21. Zech. 14. 9.
i Ps. 45. 12.
k Isa. 26. 19. Phil. 2. 10.
l Psal. 87. 6.
m Ps. 78. 6. & 86. 9. & 102. 18. Isai. 60. 3. See Rom. 3. 21, 22.

PSALM XXIII.

David's confidence in God's grace.

¶ A psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* a my shepherd; b I shall not want.
2 c He maketh me to lie down in † green pastures: he leadeth me beside the † still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: d he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of e the shadow of death, f I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 g Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou † anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD † for ever.

a Isa. 40. 11. Jer. 23. 4. Ezek. 34. 23. John 10. 11. 1 Pet. 2. 25. Rev. 7. 17.
b Phil. 4. 19.
c Ezekiel 34. 14.
† Heb. *pastures of tender grass.*
† Heb. *waters of quietness.*
d Psal. 5. 8. & 31. 3.
e Job 3. 5. & 10. 21, 22. & 24. 17. Psal. 44. 19.
f Psal. 3. 6. & 118. 6.
g Ps. 104. 15.
† Heb. *maketh fat.*
† Heb. *to length of days.*

PSALM XXIV.

1 *God's lordship over the world:* 4 *the citizens of his spiritual kingdom.*
7 *An exhortation to receive him.*

¶ A psalm of David.

THE a earth *is* the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein:
2 b For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
3 c Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? and who shall stand in his holy place?
4 d † He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This *is* the generation of them that seek him, that e seek thy face, || O Jacob. Selah.
7 f Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; g and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

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a Exod. 9. 29. & 19. 5. Deut. 10. 14. Job 41. 11. Psal. 50. 12. 1 Corinth. 10. 26, 28.
b Job 38. 6. Psal. 104. 5. & 136. 6. 2 Pet. 3. 5.
c Psal. 15. 1.
d Isaiah 33. 15, 16.
† Heb. *The clean of hands.*
e Psal. 27. 8.
|| Or, O God of *Jacob.*
f Isa. 26. 2.
g Ps. 97. 6. Hag. 2. 7. 1 Cor. 2. 8.

PSALM XXV.

1 *David's confidence in prayer:* 7 *he prayeth for remission of sins,* 16 *and for help in affliction.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

UNTO a thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I b trust in thee: let me not be ashamed; c let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 d Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O LORD, e † thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.
7 Remember not f the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: accord-

a Psal. 86. 4. & 143. 8. Lam. 3. 41.
b Psal. 22. 5. & 31. 1. & 34. 8. Isai. 28. 16. & 49. 23. Rom. 10. 11.
c Psal. 15. 4.
d Exod. 33. 13. Ps. 5. 8. & 27. 11. & 86. 11. & 119. 5. & 143. 8, 10.
e Psal. 103. 17. & 106. 1. & 107. 1. Jer. 33. 11.
† Heb. *thy bowels.*
f Job 13. 26. & 20. 11. Jer. 3. 25.

ing to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

g Ps. 31. 3. 11 g For thy name's sake, O LORD, h See Rom. 3. 20. pardon mine iniquity; h for it *is* great.

12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose:

† Heb. *shall lodge in goodness.* 13 His soul † shall dwell at ease; i Psalm 37. 11, 22, 29. and i his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 k The secret of the LORD *is* with k Prov. 3. 32. See John 7. 17. & 15. 15. them that fear him; || and he will shew them his covenant.

|| Or, *and his covenant to make them know it.* 15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD; for he shall † pluck my feet out of the net.

† Heb. *bring forth.* 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: *O* bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with † Heb. *hatred of violence.* † cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

David resorteth unto God in confidence of his integrity.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

a Psal. 7. 8. JUDGE a me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

b Psal. 7. 9. & 17. 3. & 66. 10. & 139. 23. Zech. 13. 9. 2 b Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness *is* before mine eyes; and I have walked in thy truth.

c Psal. 1. 1. Jer. 15. 17. 4 c I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

d Psal. 1. 1. 5 I have hated the congregation of evil-doers; d and will not sit with the wicked.

e See Exod. 30. 19, 20. Psal. 73. 13. 6 e I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD;

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

f Psal 27. 4. 8 LORD, f I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place † Heb. *of the tabernacle of thy honour.* † where thine honour dwelleth.

|| Or, *Take not away.* 9 || g Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with † bloody men;

g See 1 Sam. 25. 29. Psal. 28. 3. 10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is † full of bribes.

† Heb. *men of blood.* 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be † Heb. *filled with.* merciful unto me.

h Psal. 40. 2. 12 h My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

1 David sustaineth his faith by the power of God, 4 by his love for the service of God, 9 and by prayer.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

a Ps. 84. 11. Isaiah 60. 19, 20. Mic. 7. 8. b Psalm 118. 6, 14. THE LORD *is* a my light, and my salvation; whom shall I fear? b the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

† Heb. *approached against me.* 2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, † came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

c Psal. 3. 6. 3 c Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.

d Psal. 26. 8. 4 d One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold || e the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

|| Or, *the delight.* e Ps. 90. 17.

f Ps. 31. 20. & 83. 3. & 91. 1. 5 For f in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

g Psal. 3. 3. 6 And now shall g mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices † of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

† Heb. *of shouting.*

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

|| Or, *My heart said unto thee, Let my face seek thy face, &c.* 8 || *When thou saidst,* h Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

h Ps. 24. 6. & 105. 4. i Ps. 69. 17. 9 i Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

k Isa. 49. 15. 10 k When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD † will take me up.

† Heb. *gather me.*

11 [l] Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in † a plain path, because of † mine enemies.

12 [m] Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted,* unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD [n] in the land of the living.

14 [o] Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM XXVIII.

1 *David prayeth earnestly for God's help against the wicked: 6 he blesseth God: 9 he prayeth for the people.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; [a] be not silent † to me: [b] lest, *if* thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto thee, [c] when I lift up my hands ‖ [d] toward thy holy oracle.

3 [e] Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity; [f] which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

4 [g] Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because [h] they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The LORD *is* my strength, and my shield; my heart trusteth in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD *is* ‖ their strength, and he *is* the † saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: ‖ feed them also, [i] and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

1 *David exhorteth princes to give glory to God,* 3 *by reason of his power,* 11 *and protection of his people.*

¶ A psalm of David.

GIVE [a] unto the LORD, O † ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD † the glory due unto his name: worship the LORD ‖ in [b] the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: [c] the God of glory thundereth; the LORD *is* upon ‖ many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD *is* † powerful; the voice of the LORD *is* † full of majesty:

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 [d] He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and [e] Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD † divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh [f] the hinds ‖ to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple ‖ doth every one speak of *his* glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, [g] the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 [h] The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

1 *David praiseth God for his deliverance: 4 he exhorteth others to praise him, by the example of God's dealing with him.*

¶ A psalm *and* song * *at* the dedication of the house of David.

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, [a] thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 [b] Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks ‖ at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For [c] † his anger *endureth but* a moment; [d] in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure † for a night, [e] but † joy *cometh* in the morning.

6 And [f] in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast † made my mountain to stand strong: [g] thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

l Psal. 25. 4. & 86. 11. & 119. 33.
† Heb. *a way of plainness.*
† Heb. *those which observe me.*
m Ps. 35. 25.
n Ps. 56. 13. & 116. 9. & 142. 5.
o Ps. 31. 24. & 130. 5. Isai. 25. 9. Hab. 2. 3.
a Ps. 83. 1.
† Heb. *from me.*
b Ps. 143. 7.
c 1 Kings 6. 22, 23. Psal. 5. 7.
‖ Or, *toward the oracle of thy sanctuary.*
d Ps. 138. 2.
e Ps. 26. 9.
f Ps. 12. 2. & 55. 21. & 62. 4. Jer. 9. 8.
g 2 Tim. 4. 14. Rev. 18. 6.
h Job 34. 27.
‖ Or, *his strength.*
† Heb. *strength of salvations.*
‖ Or, *rule.*
i Ezra 1. 4.
a 1 Chron. 16. 28, 29. Psalm 96. 7, 8, 9.
† Heb. *ye sons of the mighty.*
† Heb. *the honour of his name.*
‖ Or, *in his glorious sanctuary.*
b 2 Chron. 20. 21.
c Job 37. 4, 5.
‖ Or, *great waters.*
† Heb. *in power.*
† Heb. *in majesty.*
d Ps. 114. 4.
e Deut. 3. 9.
† Heb. *cutteth out.*
f Job 39. 1, 2, 3.
‖ Or, *to be in pain.*
‖ Or, *every whit of it uttereth,* &c.
g Ps. 10. 16.
h Ps. 28. 8.
* Deuter. 20. 5. 2 Sam. 6. 20. 1042.
a Ps. 86. 13.
b 1 Chron. 16. 4. Psal. 97. 12.
‖ Or, *to the memorial.*
c Ps. 103. 9. Isa. 26. 20. & 54. 7, 8. 2 Cor. 4. 17.
† Heb. *there is but a moment in his anger.*
d Ps. 63. 3.
† Heb. *in the evening.*
e Ps. 126. 5.
† Heb. *singing.*
f Job 29. 18.
† Heb. *settleth strength for my mountain.*
g Ps. 104. 29.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? [h] Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 [i] Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that || *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

h Psal. 6. 5. & 88. 11. & 115. 17.

i 2 Sam. 6. 14. Isa. 61. 3.

|| That is, my *tongue*, or, my *soul*: See Gen. 49. 6. Psal. 16. 9. & 57. 8.

PSALM XXXI.

1 *David, shewing his confidence in God, craveth his help:* 7 *he rejoiceth in his mercy:* 9 *he prayeth in his calamity:* 19 *he extolleth God's goodness toward them that fear him.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm of David.

IN [a] thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: [b] deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 [c] Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou †my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 [d] For thou *art* my rock, and my fortress; therefore, [e] for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou *art* my strength.

5 [f] Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them [g] that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: [h] thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; [i] mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and [k] my bones are consumed.

11 [l] I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but [m] especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: [n] they that did see me without fled from me.

12 [o] I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like †a broken vessel.

a Ps. 22. 5. & 25. 2. & 71. 1. Isa. 49. 23.

b Ps. 143. 1.

c Ps. 71. 2.

† Heb. *to me for a rock of strength.*

d Ps. 18. 1.

e Ps. 23. 3. & 25. 11.

f Luke 23. 46. Acts 7. 59.

g Jon. 2. 8.

h Psal. 4. 1. & 18. 19.

i Psal. 6. 7.

k Ps. 32. 3. & 102. 3.

l Ps. 41. 8. Isa. 53. 4.

m Job 19. 13. Psal. 38. 11. & 88. 8, 18.

n Ps. 64. 8.

o Psalm 88. 4, 5.

† Heb. *a vessel that perisheth.*

13 [p] For I have heard the slander of many; [q] fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 [r] Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 [s] Let me not be ashamed, O LORD, for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* [t] || let them be silent in the grave.

18 [u] Let the lying lips be put to silence; which [x] speak †grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 [y] *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 [z] Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; [a] thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD; for [b] he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness [c] in a || strong city.

22 For [d] I said in my haste, [e] I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 [f] O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 [g] Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

p Jerem. 20. 10.

q Jer. 6. 25. & 20. 3. Lam. 2. 22.

r Numb. 6. 25, 26. Psal. 4. 6. & 67. 1.

s Ps. 25. 2.

t 1 Sam. 2. 9. Ps. 115. 17.

|| Or, *let them be cut off for the grave.*

u Ps. 12. 3.

x 1 Sam. 2. 3. Psal. 94. 4. Jude 15.

† Heb. *a hard thing.*

y Isa. 64. 4. 1 Cor. 2. 9.

z Ps. 27. 5. & 32. 7.

a Job 5. 21.

b Ps. 17. 7.

c 1 Sam. 23. 7.

|| Or, *fenced city.*

d 1 Sam. 23. 26. Ps 116. 11.

e Isa. 38. 11, 12. Lam. 3. 54. Jonah 2. 4.

f Ps. 34. 9.

g Ps. 27. 14.

PSALM XXXII.

1 *The blessedness of him whose sins are forgiven.* 3 *The psalmist exhorteth to a well-regulated conduct by its many blessings.*

¶ || *A psalm* of David, Maschil.

BLESSED *is he whose* [a] transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and [b] in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long:

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

|| Or, *A psalm of David giving instruction.*

a Ps. 85. 2. Rom. 4. 6, 7, 8.

b John 1. 47.

[c] Prov. 28. 13. Isa. 65. 24. 1 John 1. 9.
[c] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

[d] 1 Tim. 1. 16.
6 [d] For this shall every one that is godly [e] pray unto thee †in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

[e] Isa. 55. 6. John 7. 34. † Heb. *in a time of finding.*

[f] Psal. 9. 9. & 27. 5. & 31. 20. & 119. 114.
7 [f] Thou *art* my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: † I will guide thee with mine eye.

† Heb. *I will counsel* thee, *mine eye* shall be *upon thee.*
9 [g] Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

[g] Prov. 26. 3. Jam. 3. 3.

[h] Prov. 13. 21.
10 [h] Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

[i] Ps. 64. 10. & 68. 3.
11 [i] Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

1 *God is to be praised for his goodness,* 6 *for his power,* 12 *and for his providence.* 20 *Confidence is therefore to be placed in God.*

[a] Ps. 97. 12.
[b] Ps. 147. 1.
REJOICE [a] in the LORD, O ye righteous; *for* [b] praise is comely for the upright.

[c] Ps. 92. 3.
2 Praise the LORD with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery, [c] *and* an instrument of ten strings.

[d] Ps. 96. 1. & 98. 1. & 144. 9. Isa. 42. 10. Rev. 5. 9.
3 [d] Sing unto him a new song, play skilfully with a loud noise:

[e] Ps. 45. 7.
4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

[f] Ps. 119. 64.
5 [e] He loveth righteousness and judgment: [f] the earth is full of the

‖ Or, *mercy.*
‖ goodness of the LORD.

[g] Gen. 1. 6, 7. Hebr. 11. 3. 2 Pet. 3. 5.
[h] Gen. 2. 1.
[i] Job 26. 13.
[k] Gen. 1. 9. Job 26. 10. & 38. 8.
6 [g] By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and [h] all the host of them [i] by the breath of his mouth.

7 [k] He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

[l] Gen. 1. 3. Psal. 148. 5.
9 For [l] he spake, and it was *done;* he commanded, and it stood fast.

[m] Isa. 19. 3. † Heb. *maketh frustrate.* [n] Job 23. 13. Prov. 19. 21. Isa. 46. 10. † Heb. *to generation and generation.*
10 [m] The LORD †bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 [n] The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart †to all generations.

[o] Ps. 65. 4. & 144. 15.
12 [o] Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

[p] 2 Chron. 16. 9. Job 28. 24. Psal. 11. 4. & 14. 2.
13 [p] The LORD looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; [q] he considereth all their works.

[q] Job 34. 21. Jer. 32. 19.
16 [r] There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

[r] Ps. 44. 6.
[s] Ps. 147. 10. Prov. 21. 31.
17 [s] An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

[t] Job 36. 7. Ps. 34. 15. 1 Pet. 3. 12.
[u] Psalm 147. 11.
18 [t] Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* [u] upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

[x] Job 5. 20. Ps. 37. 19.
19 To deliver their soul from death, and [x] to keep them alive in famine.

[y] Ps. 62. 1, 5. & 130. 6.
[z] Ps. 115. 9, 10, 11.
20 [y] Our soul waiteth for the LORD: [z] he *is* our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him; because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

1 *David praiseth God, and exhorteth others thereunto by his experience.* 8 *They are blessed that trust in God.* 11 *He exhorteth to the fear of God,* &c.

¶ *A psalm* of David, when he changed his behaviour before ‖ Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

‖ Or, *Achish,* 1 Sam. 21. 13.

[a] Eph. 5. 20. 1 Thess. 5. 18. 2 Thess. 1. 3. & 2. 13.
I WILL [a] bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

[b] Psalm 119. 74. & 142. 7.
2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: [b] the humble shall hear *thereof,* and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

‖ Or, *They flowed* unto him.
5 ‖ They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him,* and saved him out of all his troubles.

[c] Dan. 6. 22. [d] See Gen. 32. 1, 2. 2 Kings 6. 17. Zech. 9. 8.
7 [c] The angel of the LORD [d] encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

[e] 1 Pet. 2. 3. [f] Ps. 2. 12.
8 O [e] taste and see that the LORD *is* good: [f] blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

g Ps. 31. 23.
9 g O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

h Job 4. 10, 11.
10 h The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

i 1 Pet. 3. 10.
12 i What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

k Ps. 37. 27. Isaiah 1. 16, 17.
l Hebr. 12. 14.
14 k Depart from evil, and do good; l seek peace, and pursue it.

m Job 36. 7. Psal. 33. 18. 1 Pet. 3. 12.
15 m The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

n Levit. 17. 10. Jer. 44. 11. Amos 9. 4.
16 n The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

o Ps. 51. 17. Isai. 57. 15. & 61. 1. & 62. 2.
† Heb. *to the broken of heart.*
† Heb. *contrite of spirit.*
18 o The LORD *is* nigh †unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth † such as be of a contrite spirit.

p Prov. 24. 16. 2 Tim. 3. 11, 12.
19 p Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: q not one of them is broken.

q John 19. 36.
r Ps. 94. 23.
‖ Or, *shall be guilty.*
21 r Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous ‖ shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM XXXV.

1 *David prayeth for his own safety, and his enemies' confusion:* 11 *he complaineth of their wrongful dealing:* 22 *he pleadeth with God to do him right,* &c.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

a Ps. 43. 1. & 119. 154. Lam. 3. 58.
PLEAD a *my cause,* O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

b Verse 26. Ps. 40. 14, 15. & 70. 2, 3.
4 b Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

c Job 21. 18. Psalm 1. 4. Isai. 29. 5. Hos. 13. 3.
5 c Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them.*

6 Let their way be † d dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

† Heb. *darkness and slipperiness.*
d Ps. 73. 18. Jer. 23. 12.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him † at unawares; e and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

† Heb. which *he knoweth not of.*
e Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 57. 6. & 141. 9. Prov. 5. 22.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 f All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

f See Psal. 51. 8.

11 † False witnesses did rise up: † they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

† Heb. *Witnesses of wrong.*
† Heb. *they asked me.*

12 g They rewarded me evil for good, *to* the † spoiling of my soul.

g Ps. 38. 20. & 109. 3, 5.
† Heb. *depriving.*

13 But as for me, h when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I ‖ humbled my soul with fasting; i and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

h Job 30. 25. Psalm 69. 10, 11.
‖ Or, *afflicted.*
i Mat. 10. 13. Luke 10. 6.

14 I † behaved myself † as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother; I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

† Heb. *walked.*
† Heb. *as a friend, as a brother to me.*

15 But in mine † adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea,* k the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me,* and ceased not.

† Heb. *halting.*
Ps. 38. 17.
k Job 30. 1, 8, 12.

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, l they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

l Ps. 37. 12. Lam. 2. 16.

17 LORD, m how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, † n my darling from the lions.

m Hab. 1. 13.
† Heb. *my only one.*
n Ps. 22. 20.

18 o I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among † much people.

o Psalm 22. 25, 31. & 40. 9, 10. & 111. 1.
† Heb. *strong.*

19 Let not them that are mine enemies † wrongfully rejoice over me; *neither* p let them wink with the eye q that hate me without a cause.

† Heb. *falsely.*
p Job 15. 12. Prov. 6. 13. & 10. 10.

20 For they speak not peace; but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

q Ps. 69. 4. & 109. 3. & 119. 161. Lam. 3. 52. John 15. 25.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, r Aha, aha! our eye hath seen *it.*

r Ps. 40. 15. & 51. 7. & 70. 3.

22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: s keep not silence: O LORD, be not far from me.

s Ps. 83. 1.

23 t Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

t Ps. 44. 23.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

u Ps. 70. 3. 25 [u] Let them not say in their hearts, † Heb. *Ah, ah, our soul.* † Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

x Verse 4. Psal. 40. 14. 26 [x] Let them be ashamed, and brought to confusion together, that rejoice at mine hurt; let them be y Psalms 109. 29. & 132. 18. [y] clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour † my righteous cause; yea, let them z Ps. 70. 4. [z] say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, a Ps. 149. 4. [a] which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, *and* of thy praise, all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

1 *The grievous estate of the wicked.* 5 *The excellency of God's mercy.* 10 *David prayeth for favour to God's children.*

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD.

a Rom. 3. 18. [a] THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that* there *is* no fear of God before his eyes.

b Deuter. 29. 19. Psal. 10. 3. & 49. 18. † Heb. *to find his iniquity to hate.* 2 For [b] he flattereth himself in his own eyes, † until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.

c Prov. 4. 16. Mic. 2. 1. || Or, *vanity.* 4 [c] He deviseth || mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.

d Ps. 57. 10. & 108. 4. 5 [d] Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.

† Heb. *the mountains of God.* e Job 11. 8. Rom. 11. 33. f Job 7. 20. 1 Tim. 4. 10. † Heb. *precious.* g Ruth 2. 12. Psal. 17. 8. & 91. 4. 6 Thy righteousness *is* like † the great mountains; [e] thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, [f] thou preservest man and beast.

7 How † excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men [g] put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

h Ps. 65. 4. † Heb. *watered.* i Job 20. 17. Rev. 22. 1. k Ps. 16. 11. l Jer. 2. 13. † Heb. *draw out at length.* m Jerem. 22. 16. 8 [h] They shall be † abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of [i] the river [k] of thy pleasures.

9 [l] For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O † continue thy loving-kindness [m] unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, n Psal. 1. 5. [n] and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

David exhorteth to patience and confidence in God, by the happy state of the godly, and the short-lived prosperity of the wicked.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

a Ps. 73. 3. Prov. 23. 17. & 24. 1, 19. FRET [a] not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity:

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and † verily thou shalt be fed. † Heb. *in truth,* or, *stableness.*

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 † [b] Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him, and he shall bring *it* to pass: † Heb. *Roll thy way upon the LORD.* b Ps. 55. 22. Prov. 16. 3. Mat. 6. 25. Luke 12. 22. 1 Pet. 5. 7.

6 [c] And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day. c Job 11. 17.

7 [d] † Rest in the LORD, [e] and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. d Ps. 62. 1. † Heb. *Be silent to the LORD.* e Lamen. 3. 26.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: [f] fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. f Ps. 73. 3. Eph. 4. 26.

9 [g] For evil-doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. g Job 27. 13, 14.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be:* yea, [h] thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be.* h Job 7. 10. & 20. 9.

11 [i] But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. i Mat. 5. 5.

12 The wicked || plotteth against the just, [k] and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. || Or, *practiseth.* k Ps. 35. 16.

13 [l] The LORD shall laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming. l Psal. 2. 4.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay † such as be of upright conversation. † Heb. *the upright of way.*

15 [m] Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. m Mic. 5. 6.

16 [n] A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked. n 1 Tim. 6. 6.

17 For [o] the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. o Job 38. 15. Psal. 10. 15. Ezek. 30. 21, &c.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and [p] in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as [†] the fat of lambs: they shall consume; [q] into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but [r] the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 [s] For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 [t] The steps of a *good* man are [‖] ordered by the LORD; and he delighteth in his way.

24 [u] Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed [x] begging bread.

26 [y] *He is* †ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

27 [z] Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: [a] but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 [b] The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 [c] The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his [‖] steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: [d] when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.

35 [e] I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like [‖] a green bay-tree:

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And [f] the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

David moveth God to take compassion of his pitiful case, confessing his sins to have been the cause thereof.

¶ A psalm of David, [*] to bring to remembrance.

O [a] LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath; neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For [b] thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; [c] neither *is there any* †rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For [d] mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink, *and* are corrupt, because of my foolishness.

6 I am †troubled; I am [e] bowed down greatly; [f] I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease;* and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: [g] I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 LORD, all my desire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for [h] the light of mine eyes, it also † is gone from me.

11 [i] My lovers and my friends [k] stand aloof from my †sore; and [‖] my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me;* and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But [l] I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; [m] and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.

15 For [‖] in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt [‖] hear, O LORD my God.

16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.

17 For I *am* ready †to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.

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p Job 5. 20. Psal. 33. 19.

† Heb. *the preciousness of lambs.*

q Ps. 102. 3.

r Psal. 112. 5, 9.

s Prov. 3. 33.

t Prov. 16. 9.

‖ Or, *established.*

u Psal. 34. 19, 20. & 91. 12. Prov. 24. 16. 2 Cor. 4. 9.

x Job 15. 23. Psal. 59. 15. & 109. 10.

y Psal. 112. 5, 9.

† Heb. *all the day.*

z Ps. 34. 14.

a Ps. 21. 10. Isai. 14. 20.

b Prov. 2. 21.

c Deut. 6. 6. Psal. 40. 8. & 119. 98. Isai. 51. 7.

‖ Or, *goings.*

d Ps. 91. 8.

e Job 5. 3.

‖ Or, *a green tree that groweth in his own soil.*

f Isa. 31. 5.

* Psal. 70. title.

a Psal. 6. 1.

b Job 6. 4.

c Psal. 6. 2.

† Heb. *peace,* or, *health.*

d Ezra 9. 6. Psal. 40. 12.

† Heb. *wried.*

e Ps. 35. 14.

f Job 30. 28. Psal. 42. 9. & 43. 2.

g Job 3. 24. Isai. 59. 11.

h Psal. 6. 7. & 88. 9.

† Heb. *is not with me.*

i Ps. 31. 11.

k Luke 10. 31, 32.

† Heb. *stroke.*

‖ Or, *my neighbours.*

l See 2 Sam. 16. 10.

m Psal. 39. 2, 9.

‖ Or, *thee do I wait for.*

‖ Or, *answer.*

† Heb. *for halting.* Psal. 35. 15.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

† Heb. being living, *are strong.*

19 But mine enemies †*are* lively, *and* they are strong; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

n Ps. 35. 12.

20 They also [n] that render evil for good are mine adversaries; [o] because I follow *the thing that* good *is.*

o See 1 John 3. 12. & 1 Peter 3. 13.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

† Heb. *for my help.*

22 Make haste †to help me, O LORD my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

1 *David's care not to offend with his tongue:* 4 *his consideration of the brevity and vanity of life:* 8 *he prayeth for pardon and comfort,* &c.

¶ To the chief musician, *even* to

* 1 Chron. 16. 41. & 25. 1. Psal. 62. & 77. title.

*Jeduthun, A psalm of David.

† Heb. *a bridle,* or, *muzzle for my mouth.*

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep †my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me.

a Ps. 38. 13.

2 [a] I was dumb with silence; I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was †stirred.

† Heb. *troubled.*

3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue.

b Ps. 90. 12. & 119. 84.

4 LORD, [b] make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is; that* I may know ||how frail I *am.*

|| Or, *what time I have here.*

c Ps. 90. 4.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an hand-breadth, and [c] mine age *is* as nothing before thee: [d] verily every man †at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

d Verse 11. Psal. 62. 9. & 144. 4.

† Heb. *settled.*

6 Surely every man walketh in a †vain shew; surely they are disquieted in vain: [e] he heapeth up *riches,* and knoweth not who shall gather them.

† Heb. *an image.*

e Job 27. 17. Eccles. 2. 18, 21, 26. & 5. 14.

7 And now, LORD, what wait I for? my hope *is* in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; make me not the reproach of the foolish.

f Job 40. 4, 5. Psal. 38. 13.

9 [f] I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it.*

g Job 9. 34. & 13. 21.

† Heb. *conflict.*

10 [g] Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the †blow of thine hand.

† Heb. *that which is to be desired in him to melt away.*

h Job 4. 19. & 13. 28. Isai. 50. 9. Hos. 5. 12.

i Verse 5.

k Levit. 25. 23. 1 Chron. 29. 15. Ps. 119. 19. 2 Cor. 5. 6. Heb. 11. 13. 1 Pet. 1. 17. & 2. 11.

l Gen. 47. 9.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest †his beauty [h] to consume away like a moth: [i] surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: [k] for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, [l] as all my fathers *were.*

13 [m] O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

m Job 10. 20, 21. & 14. 5, 6.

PSALM XL.

1 *The benefit of confidence in God.* 6 *Obedience is the best sacrifice.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

† Heb. *In waiting I waited.*

I [a] WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

a Ps. 27. 4.

2 He brought me up also out of †an horrible pit, out of [b] the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

† Heb. *a pit of noise.*

b Ps. 69. 2.

3 [c] And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God; [d] many shall see *it,* and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

c Ps. 33. 3.

d Ps. 52. 6.

4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 [e] Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, [f] and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward; ||they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them,* they are more than can be numbered.

e Job 5. 9. & 9. 10. Psal. 71. 15. & 92. 5, & 139. 6, 17.

f Isa. 55. 8.

|| Or, *none can order them unto thee.*

6 [g] Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou †opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

g 1 Sam. 15. 22. Psal. 50. 8. & 51. 16. Isai. 1. 11. & 66. 3. Hos. 6. 6. Mat. 12. 7. Hebr. 10. 5.

† Heb. *digged.*

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,

8 [h] I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law *is* †[i] within my heart.

h Ps. 119. 16, 24, 47, 92. Rom. 7. 22.

† Heb. *in the midst of my bowels.*

i Ps. 37. 31. Jer. 31. 33. 2 Cor. 3. 3.

9 [k] I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

k Ps. 22. 22. & 35. 18.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: [l] let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

i Ps. 43. 3. & 57. 3. & 61. 7.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about; [m] mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of mine head; therefore [n] my heart †faileth me.

m Ps. 38. 4.

n Ps. 73. 26.

† Heb. *forsaketh.*

13 [o] Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

o Psal. 70. 1, &c.

14 [p] Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after

p Psal. 35. 4, 26. & 70. 3. & 71. 13.

my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward, and put to shame, that wish me evil.

q Ps. 70. 3. 15 q Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha!

r Ps. 70. 4. 16 r Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

s Ps. 70. 5. 17 s But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the LORD thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

1 *The recompence of the charitable man.* 4 *David complaineth of his enemies' treachery:* 11 *he acknowledgeth God's favour.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm of David.

a Prov. 14. 21. a BLESSED *is* he that considereth ‖ the poor: the LORD will deliver him † in time of trouble.

‖ Or, *the weak,* or, *sick.* † Heb. *in the day of evil.* 2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth:

b Ps. 27. 12. ‖ Or, *do not thou deliver.* b and ‖ thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou

† Heb. *turn.* wilt † make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me; When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see *me,* he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it.*

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they

† Heb. *evil to me.* devise † my hurt.

† Heb. *A thing of Belial.* 8 † An evil disease, *say they,* cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

c Job 19. 19. Psal. 55. 12, 13, 20. Jer. 20. 10. † Heb. *the man of my peace.* d Obad. 7. John 13. 18. † Heb. *magnified.* 9 c Yea, † mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, d which did eat of my bread, hath † lifted up *his* heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XLII.

1 *David's zeal to serve God in the temple.* 5 *he encourageth his soul to trust in God.*

¶ To the chief musician, ‖ Maschil, for the sons of Korah. 1023.

‖ Or, *A psalm giving instruction of the sons,* &c. See 1 Chr. 6. 33, 37. & 25. 5. AS the hart † panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

† Heb. *brayeth.* 2 a My soul thirsteth for God, for b the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

a Ps. 63. 1. & 84. 2. b 1 Thess. 1. 9. 3 c My tears have been my meat day and night, while d they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

c Ps. 80. 5. & 102. 9. d Verse 10. Psal. 79. 10. & 115. 2. 4 When I remember these *things,* e I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude; f I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

e Job 30. 16. f Isa. 30. 29. 5 g Why art thou † cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet ‖ praise him ‖ *for* the help of his countenance.

g Ps. 43. 5. † Heb. *bowed down.* ‖ Or, *give thanks.* ‖ Or, *his presence is salvation.* 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from ‖ the hill Mizar.

‖ Or, *the little hill,* Psal. 133. 3. 7 h Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts: i all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

h Jer. 4. 20. Ezek. 7. 26. i Ps. 88. 7. Jonah 2. 3. 8 *Yet* the LORD will k command his loving-kindness in the day-time, and l in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

k Levit. 25. 21. Deut. 28. 8. Psal. 133. 3. l Job 35. 10. Psal. 63. 6. & 149. 5. 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? m why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

m Ps. 38. 6. & 43. 2. 10 *As* with a ‖ sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; n while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?

‖ Or, *killing.* n Verse 3. Joel 2. 17. Mic. 7. 10. 11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

1 *David, praying to be restored to the temple, promiseth to serve God joyfully:* 5 *he encourageth his soul,* &c.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ‖ ungodly nation: O deliver me † from the deceitful and unjust man. 1023.

‖ Or, *unmerciful.* † Heb. *from a man of deceit and iniquity.* 2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? a why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

a Ps. 42. 9.

3 [b] O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God † my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 [c] Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God; for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

b Ps. 40. 11. & 57. 3.

† Heb. *the gladness of my joy.*

c Psal. 42. 5, 11.

PSALM XLIV.

1 *The church, calling to mind former favours,* 9 *complaineth of her present evils:* 17 *professing her integrity,* 24 *she fervently prayeth for succour.*

¶ To the chief musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old:

2 *How* [a] thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For [b] they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, [c] because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 [d] Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee [e] will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For [f] I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But [g] thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy; and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 [h] Thou hast given us † like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 [i] Thou sellest thy people † for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 [k] Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

a Exod. 15. 17. Psal. 78. 55. & 80. 8.

b Deut. 8. 17. Josh. 24. 12.

c Deut. 4. 37.

d Ps. 74. 12.

e Dan. 8. 4.

f Ps. 33. 16.

g Ps. 60. 1, 10. & 74. 1. & 89. 38. & 108. 11.

h Rom. 8. 36.

† Heb. *as sheep of meat.*

i Isaiah 52. 3, 4. Jer. 15. 13.

† Heb. *without riches.*

k Deuter. 28. 37. Psal. 79. 4. & 80. 6.

14 [l] Thou makest us a by-word among the heathen, [m] a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; [n] by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our ‖ steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in [o] the place of dragons, and covered us [p] with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or [q] stretched out our hands to a strange god,

21 [r] Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 [s] Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 [t] Awake, why sleepest thou, O LORD? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.

24 [u] Wherefore hidest thou thy face, *and* forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For [x] our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise † for our help, and redeem us, for thy mercies' sake.

l Jer. 24. 9.

m 2 Kings 19. 21.

n Job 16. 4. Psal. 8. 2. & 22. 7.

‖ Or, *goings.*

o Isai. 34. 13. & 35. 7.

p Ps. 23. 4.

q Job 11. 13. Psal. 68. 31.

r Job 31. 14.

s Rom. 8. 36.

t Psal. 7. 6. & 35. 23. & 59. 4, 5. & 78. 65.

u Ps. 13. 1.

x Psalm 119. 25.

† Heb. *a help for us.*

PSALM XLV.

1 *The majesty and grace of Christ's kingdom.* 10 *The duty of the church.*

¶ To the chief musician * upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, ‖ Maschil, A song of loves.

MY heart † is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; [a] grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy [b] sword upon *thy* thigh, [c] O *most* Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 [d] And in thy majesty † ride prosperously, because of truth, and meekness, *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

6 [e] Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.

* Ps. 69. & 80. titles.

‖ Or, *of instruction.*

† Heb. *boileth, or, bubbleth up.*

a Luke 4. 22.

b Isa. 49. 2. Hebr. 4. 12. Rev. 1. 16. & 19. 15.

c Isa. 9. 6.

d Rev. 6. 2.

† Heb. *prosper thou, ride thou.*

e Ps. 93. 2. Hebr. 1. 9.

7 [f] Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore ||[g] God, thy God, [h] hath anointed thee with the oil [i] of gladness above thy fellows.

8 [k] All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 [l] Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: [m] upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; [n] forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: [o] for he *is* thy LORD; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* [p] the rich among the people shall entreat † thy favour.

13 [q] The King's daughter *is* all glorious within; her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 [r] She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing *shall* they *be* brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, [s] whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

1 *The confidence which the church hath in God:* 8 *an exhortation to contemplate the works of his providence.*

¶ To the chief musician || for the sons of Korah, * A song upon * Alamoth.

GOD *is* our refuge and strength, [a] a very present help in trouble:

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into † the midst of the sea;

3 [b] *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, † *and that* right early.

6 [c] The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, [d] the earth melted.

7 [e] The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* † our refuge. Selah.

8 [f] Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 [g] He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; [h] he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; [i] he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 [k] The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

PSALM XLVII.

The nations are exhorted cheerfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm || for the sons of Korah.

O [a] CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph:

2 For the LORD most High *is* terrible; [b] *he is* a great King over all the earth.

3 [c] He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved. Selah.

5 [d] God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 [e] For God *is* the King of all the earth: [f] sing ye praises || with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 || The princes of the people are gathered together, [g] *even* the people of the God of Abraham; [h] for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

The ornaments and privileges of the church.

¶ A song *and* psalm || for the sons of Korah.

GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised [a] in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

2 [b] Beautiful for situation, [c] the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, [d] *on* the sides of the north, [e] the city of the great King.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

f Psal. 33. 5.
|| Or, *O God.*
g Isa. 61. 1.
h 1 Kings 1. 39, 40.
i Psal. 21. 6.
k Cant. 1. 3.
l Cant. 6. 8.
m See 1 Kin. 2. 19.
n See Deut. 21. 13.
o Psal. 95. 6. Isa. 54. 5.
p Ps. 22. 29. & 72. 10. Isa. 49. 23.
† Heb. *thy face.*
q Revel. 19. 7, 8.
r Cant. 1. 4.
s 1 Pet. 2. 9. Revel. 1. 6. & 5. 10. & 20. 6.
|| Or, *of.*
* Psal. 48. & 66.
* 1 Chron. 15. 20.
a Deut. 4. 7. Ps. 145. 18.
† Heb. *the heart of the seas.*
b Ps. 93. 3, 4. Jer. 5. 22. Mat. 7. 25.
† Heb. *when the morning appeareth:* See Exod. 14. 24, 27. 2 Chron. 20. 20. Psal. 30. 5. & 145. 8.
c Psal. 2. 1.
d Josh. 2. 9, 24.
e Verse 11.
† Heb. *an high place for us.*
f Psal. 66. 5.
g Isa. 2. 4.
h Ps. 76. 3.
i Ezekiel 39. 9.
k Verse 7.
|| Or, *of.*
a Is. 55. 12.
b Mal. 1. 14.
c Ps. 18. 47.
d Psalm 68. 24, 25.
e Zech. 14. 9.
f 1 Corinth. 14. 15, 16.
|| Or, every one *that hath understanding.*
|| Or, *The voluntary of the people are gathered unto the people of the God of Abraham.*
g Rom. 4. 11.
h Ps. 89. 18.
|| Or, *of.*
a Ps. 87. 3.
b Ps. 50. 2. Jer. 3. 19. Lam. 2. 15. Dan. 8. 9. & 11. 16.
c Ezek. 20. 6.
d Isa. 14. 13.
e Mat. 5. 35.

5 They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, [f] *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou [g] breakest the ships of Tarshish [h] with an east wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in [i] the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9 We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 † Mark ye well her bulwarks, || consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

14 For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

f Hosea 13. 13.
g Ezekiel 27. 26.
h Jerem. 18. 17.
i Ver. 1, 2.
† Heb. *Set your heart to her bulwarks.*
|| Or, *raise up.*

PSALM XLIX.

1 *The psalmist earnestly persuadeth all to join him in his meditations.* 5 *The vanity of trusting in worldly wealth.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm || for the sons of Korah.

|| Or, *of.*

HEAR this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world:

2 Both [a] low and high, rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding.

4 [b] I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that [c] trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None *of them* can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him;

8 (For [d] the redemption of their soul *is* precious, and it ceaseth for ever;)

9 That he should still live for ever, *and* [e] not see corruption.

10 For he seeth *that* [f] wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, [g] and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought *is*, *that* their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling-places † to all generations: they call *their* lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless, [h] man *being* in honour abideth not; he is like the beasts *that* perish.

13 This their way *is* their folly; yet their posterity † approve their sayings. Selah.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and [i] the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; [k] and their || beauty shall consume || in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul † from the power of || the grave; for he shall receive me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased:

17 [l] For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; his glory shall not descend after him:

18 Though † while he lived [m] he blessed his soul: and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

19 † He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 [n] Man *that is* in honour, and understandeth not, [o] is like the beasts *that* perish.

a Ps. 62. 9.
b Ps. 78. 2. Mat. 13. 35.
c Job 31. 24. Psal. 52. 7. & 62. 10. Mark 10. 24. 1 Tim. 6. 17.
d Job 36. 18, 19.
e Ps. 89. 48.
f Eccles. 2. 16.
g Prov. 11. 4.
† Heb. *to generation and generation.*
h Verse 20. Psal. 82. 7.
† Heb. *delight in their mouth.*
i Dan. 7. 22. Mal. 4. 3. Luke 22. 30. 1 Cor. 6. 2. Revel. 2. 26. & 20. 4.
k Job 4. 21. Psal. 39. 11.
|| Or, *strength.*
|| Or, *the grave being an habitation to every one of them.*
† Heb. *from the hand of the grave.*
l Job 27. 19. || Or, *hell.*
† Heb. *in his life.*
m Deuter. 29. 19. Luke 12. 19.
† Heb. *The soul shall go.*
n Verse 12.
o Eccles. 3. 19.

PSALM L.

1 *The majesty of God in the church:* 5 *his order to gather his saints.* 7 *The pleasure of God is not in ceremonies,* 14 *but in sincerity of obedience.*

¶ A psalm || of Asaph.

|| Or, *for Asaph*: See 1 Chr. 15. 17. & 25. 2. 2 Chron. 29. 30.

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth, from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, [a] the perfection of beauty, [b] God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: [c] a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 [d] He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather [e] my saints together unto me; [f] those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And [g] the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for [h] God *is* judge himself. Selah.

7 [i] Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: [k] I *am* God, *even* thy God.

8 [l] I will not reprove thee [m] for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt-offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

a Ps. 48. 2.
b Deuter. 33. 2. Psal. 80. 1.
c Ps. 97. 3. Dan. 7. 10.
d Deut. 4. 26. & 31. 28. & 32. 1. Isaiah 1. 2. Mic. 6. 1, 2.
e Deuter. 33. 3.
f Exod. 24. 7.
g Ps. 97. 6.
h Ps. 75. 7.
i Ps. 81. 8.
k Exod. 20. 2.
l Isa. 1. 11.
m Hos. 6. 6.

9 [n] I will take no bullock out of thy house, *nor* he-goats out of thy folds:

10 For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field *are* † mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: [o] for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 [p] Offer unto God thanksgiving; and [q] pay thy vows unto the most High:

15 And [r] call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in my mouth?

17 [s] Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and † hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 † Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and [t] thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These *things* hast thou done, [u] and I kept silence; [x] thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* [y] I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 [z] Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him † that ordereth *his* conversation *aright* will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

1 *David prayeth for remission of sins,* 6 *and for sanctification.* 16 *God delighteth not in sacrifice, but in sincerity.* 18 *David prayeth for the church.*

1034. ¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David, * when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies [a] blot out my transgressions.

2 [b] Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin *is* ever before me.

4 [c] Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil [d] in thy sight; [e] that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

5 [f] Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; [g] and in sin did my mother † conceive me.

6 Behold, [h] thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 [i] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be [k] whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and [l] blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew ‖ a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free Spirit:

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from † blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O LORD, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For [m] thou desirest not sacrifice, ‖ else would I give *it;* thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

17 [n] The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with [o] the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

David, condemning the spitefulness of Doeg, prophesieth his destruction.

¶ To the chief musician, Maschil, *A psalm* of David, * when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O [a] mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

n Mic. 6. 6. Acts 17. 25.
† Heb. *with me.*
o Ex. 19. 5. Deut. 10. 14. Job 41. 11. Psal. 24. 1. 1 Corinth. 10. 26, 28.
p Hos. 14. 2. Hebr. 13. 15.
q Deuter. 23. 21. Job 22. 27. Psal. 76. 11. Eccles. 5. 4, 5.
r Job 22. 27. Psal. 91. 15. & 107. 6, 13, 19, 28.
s Rom. 2. 21, 22.
† Heb. *thy portion was with adulterers.*
† Heb. *Thou sendest.*
t Ps. 52. 2.
u Eccles. 8. 11, 12. Isa. 26. 10. & 57. 11.
x See Rom. 2. 4.
y Ps. 90. 8.
z Ps. 27. 6. Rom. 12. 1.
† Heb. *that disposeth his way.*
* 2 Sam. 11. 2, 4. & 12. 1.
a Verse 9. Isa. 43. 25. & 44. 22. Col. 2. 14.
b Hebr. 9. 14. 1 John 1. 7. Revel. 1. 5.
c Gen. 20. 6. & 39. 9. Lev. 5. 19. & 6. 2.
d Luke 15. 21.
e Rom. 3. 4.
f Job 14. 4. Psal. 58. 3. John 3. 6. Rom. 5. 12. Eph. 2. 3.
g Job 14. 4.
† Heb. *warm me.*
h Job 38. 36.
i Levit. 14. 4, 6, 49. Numb. 19. 18. Hebr. 9. 19.
k Isa. 1. 18.
l Verse 1.
‖ Or, *a constant spirit.*
† Heb. *bloods.*
m Numb. 15. 27, *, Psal. 40. 6. & 50. 8. Isa. 1. 11. Jer. 7. 22. Hos. 6. 6.
‖ Or, *that I should give it.*
n Ps. 34. 18. Isa. 57. 15. & 66. 2.
o Psal. 4. 5. Mal. 3. 3.
* 1 Sam. 22. 9.
a 1 Sam. 21. 7.

b Ps. 50. 19.
c Ps. 57. 4. & 59. 7. & 64. 3.

2 [b]Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; [c]like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good, *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all-devouring words, || O *thou* deceitful tongue.

|| Or, and *the deceitful tongue.*

5 God shall likewise †destroy thee for ever: he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

† Heb. *beat thee down.*

d Ps. 40. 3. & 64. 9.
e Ps. 58. 10.

6 [d]The righteous also shall see, and fear, [e]and shall laugh at him:

f Psal. 49. 6.

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but [f]trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his ||wickedness.

|| Or, *substance.*

g Hos. 14. 6.

8 But I *am* [g]like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it:* and I will wait on thy name; [h]for *it is* good before thy saints.

h Ps. 54. 6.

PSALM LIII.

1 *David describeth the general depravity of mankind:* 4 *he convinceth the wicked by the light of their own conscience:* 6 *he prayeth for the salvation of God to Israel.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A psalm* of David.

a Ps. 10. 4. & 14. 1, &c.
b Rom. 3. 10.

THE [a]fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: [b]*there is* none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

c Levit. 26. 17, 36. Prov. 28. 1.
† Heb. *they feared a fear.*

5 [c]There †were they in great fear, *where* no fear was; for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

† Heb. *Who will give salvations, &c.*

6 †Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

1 *David, complaining of the Ziphims, prayeth for deliverance:* 4 *in confidence of God's help, he promiseth sacrifice and praise.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A psalm* of David, *when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

* 1 Sam. 23. 19. & 26. 1.

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

a Ps. 86. 14.

3 For [a]strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

b Ps. 118. 7.

4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: [b]the LORD *is* with them that uphold my soul.

† Heb. *those that observe me.*

5 He shall reward evil unto †mine enemies: [c]cut them off in thy truth.

c Ps. 89. 49.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD, for [d]*it is* good.

d Ps. 52. 9.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble; [e]and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

e Ps. 59. 10. & 92. 11.

PSALM LV.

1 *David, in his prayer, complaineth of his fearful case:* 9 *he prayeth against the treachery and wickedness of his enemies:* 16 *he comforteth himself in God's preservation.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A psalm* of David. 1023.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: [a]for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

a 2 Sam. 16. 7, 8.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath †overwhelmed me.

† Heb. *covered me.*

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

9 Destroy, O LORD, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen [b]violence and strife in the city.

b Jer. 6. 7.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

c Ps. 41. 9. 12 [c] For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it:* neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

† Heb. *a man according to my rank.* 13 But *it was* thou, † a man mine equal, [d] my guide, and mine acquaintance.

d 2 Sam. 16. 23. Psal. 41. 9.

† Heb. *Who sweetened counsel.* 14 †We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

‖ Or, *the grave.* 15 Let death seize upon them, *and* let them go down quick into ‖ hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

e Dan. 6. 10. Acts 3. 1. & 10. 3, 9, 30. 17 [e] Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them,

f Deuter. 33. 27. ‖ Or, *With whom* also there be *no changes, yet they fear not God.* [f] even he that abideth of old. Selah. ‖ Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

† Heb. *he hath profaned.* 20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him; † he hath broken his covenant.

g Ps. 28. 3. & 57. 4. & 62. 4. & 64. 3. Prov. 5. 3, 4. 21 [g] *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

h Ps. 37. 5. Mat. 6. 25. Luke 12. 22. 1 Pet. 5. 7. ‖ Or, *gift.* i Ps. 37. 24. 22 [h] Cast thy ‖ burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: [i] he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction:

k Psal. 5. 6. † Heb. *men of bloods and deceit.* † Heb. *shall not half their days.* [k] † bloody and deceitful men † [l] shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.

1 Pro. 10. 27. Eccl. 7. 17. 1 *David, praying to God in confidence of his word, complaineth of his enemies:* 9 *he professeth his confidence in God's word, and promiseth to praise him.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, ‖ Michtam of David, when the * Philistines took him in Gath.

‖ Or, *A golden psalm of David.* * 1 Sam. 21. 11. a Ps. 57. 1. BE [a] merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

† Heb. *Mine observers.* 2 †Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

b Verse 10, 11. c Ps. 118. 6. Isa. 31. 3. Hebr. 13. 6. 4 [b] In God I will praise his word; in God I have put my trust: [c] I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

d Ps. 59. 3. & 140. 2. e Ps. 71. 10. 6 [d] They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, [e] when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

f Mal. 3. 6. 8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: [f] *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

g Verse 4. 10 [g] In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

h Ps. 116. 8. i Job 33. 30. 13 For [h] thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in [i] the light of the living?

PSALM LVII.

1 *David, in prayer, fleeing unto God, complaineth of his dangerous case:* 7 *he encourageth himself to praise God.*

‖ Or, *Destroy not, A golden psalm.* * 1 Sam. 22. 1. & 24. 3. Psalm 142. title. a Ps. 56. 1. b Ps. 17. 8. & 63. 7. ¶ To the chief musician, ‖ Al-taschith, Michtam of David, * when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE [a] merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee: [b] yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

c Ps. 138. 8. 2 I will cry unto God most High; unto God [c] that performeth *all things* for me.

d Psal. 144. 5, 7. ‖ Or, *he reproacheth him that would swallow me up.* e Ps. 40. 11. & 43. 3. & 61. 7. 3 [d] He shall send from heaven, and save me ‖ *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God [e] shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

f Prov. 30. 14. g Ps. 55. 21. & 64. 3. 4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, [f] whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and [g] their tongue a sharp sword.

h Verse 11. Psal. 108. 5. 5 [h] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

i Ps. 7. 15, 16. & 9. 15.

6 [i] They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves.* Selah.

k Psal. 108. 1, &c.
‖ Or, *prepared.*

7 [k] My heart is ‖ fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

l Ps. 16. 9. & 30. 12. & 108. 1, 2.

8 Awake up, [l] my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

m Ps. 108. 3.

9 [m] I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations:

n Ps. 36. 5. & 71. 19. & 103. 11. & 108. 4.

10 [n] For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

o Verse 5.

11 [o] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSALM LVIII.

1 *David reproving wicked judges,* 3 *describeth the nature of the wicked,* &c.

‖ Or, *Destroy not, A golden* psalm *of David.*
* Psalm 57. title.

¶ To the chief musician, ‖ * Al-taschith, Michtam of David.

a Ps. 94. 20. Isai. 10. 1.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; [a] ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

b Ps. 51. 5. Isai. 48. 8.
† Heb. *from the belly.*

3 [b] The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray † as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

c Ps. 140. 3. Eccl. 10. 11.
† Heb. *according to the likeness.*
d Ps. 140. 3. Jer. 8. 17.
‖ Or, *asp.*
‖ Or, be *the charmer never so cunning.*

4 [c] Their poison *is* † like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like [d] the deaf ‖ adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, ‖ charming never so wisely.

e Job 4. 10.

6 [e] Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth; break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

f Josh. 7. 5.

7 [f] Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

g Job 3. 16. Eccles. 6. 3.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away; [g] *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

† Heb. *as living as wrath.*

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, † both living, and in *his* wrath.

h Ps. 52. 6. & 64. 10.
i Ps. 68. 23.

10 [h] The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; [i] he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

k Ps. 92. 15.
† Heb. *fruit of the,* &c.

11 [k] So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* † a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM LIX.

1 *David prayeth to be delivered from his enemies:* 6 *he complaineth of their cruelty:* 8 *he trusteth in God:* 11 *he prayeth against them:* 16 *he praiseth God.*

‖ Or, *Destroy not, A golden* psalm *of David.*
* Psalm 57. title.
* 1 Sam. 19. 11.

¶ To the chief musician, ‖ * Al-taschith, Michtam of David, * when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

a Ps. 18. 48.
† Heb. *set me on high.*

DELIVER [a] me from mine enemies, O my God; † defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

b Ps. 56. 6.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: [b] the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

c Ps. 44. 23.
† Heb. *to meet me.*

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: [c] awake † to help me, and behold.

d Verse 14.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

6 [d] They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

e Ps. 57. 4. Prov. 12. 18.
f Ps. 10. 11, 13. & 73. 11. & 94. 7.
g 1 Sam. 19. 16. Psal. 2. 4.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: [e] swords *are* in their lips; for [f] who (*say they*) doth hear?

8 But [g] thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

h Verse 17.
† Heb. *my high place.*

9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: [h] for God *is* † my defence.

i Ps. 54. 7. & 92. 11.
† Heb. *mine observers.*

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let [i] me see *my desire* upon † mine enemies.

k So Gen. 4. 12, 15.

11 [k] Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O LORD our shield.

l Prov. 12. 13. & 18. 7.

12 [l] *For* the sin of their mouth, *and* the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

m Ps. 7. 9.

13 [m] Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them,* that they *may* not *be;* and [n] let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

n Ps. 83. 18.

o Verse 6.

14 And [o] at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

p Job 15. 23. Ps. 109. 10.
† Heb. *to eat.*
‖ Or, *if they be not satisfied, then they will stay all night.*

15 Let them [p] wander up and down † for meat, ‖ and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been

my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will
q Ver. 9, 10. I sing: q for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

1 *David, complaining to God of former judgments, 4 now, upon better hope, prayeth for deliverance: 6 he comforteth himself in God's promises.*

¶ To the chief musician upon * Shushan-eduth, || Michtam of David, to teach; * when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of Salt twelve thousand.

* Psal. 80. title. || Or, *A golden* psalm. * 2 Sam. 8. 3, 13. 1 Chr. 18. 3, 12. cir. 1040.

O GOD, a thou hast cast us off, thou hast †scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

a Ps. 44. 9. † Heb. *broken.*

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 b Thou hast shewed thy people hard things; c thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

b Ps. 71. 20. c Isaiah 51. 17, 22. Jer. 25. 15.

4 d Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

d Ps. 20. 5.

5 e That thy beloved may be delivered, save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

e Psal. 108. 6, &c.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice: I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; f Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; g Judah *is* my lawgiver;

f See Deut. 33. 17. g Genes. 49. 10.

8 Moab *is* my wash-pot; h over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, || triumph thou because of me.

h Ps. 108. 9. || Or, *triumph thou over me:* (by an irony;) See Psalm 108. 10.

9 Who will bring me *into* the †strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

† Heb. *city of strength.*

10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* i hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

i Ps. 44. 9. & 108. 11.

11 Give us help from trouble: for
k Ps. 146. 3. k vain *is* the †help of man.

† Heb. *salvation.*

12 Through God l we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

l Numb. 24. 18. 1 Chron. 19. 13.

PSALM LXI.

1 *David fleeth to God upon his former experience: 4 he voweth perpetual service unto him, because of his promises.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Neginah, *A psalm* of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock *that* is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

4 a I will abide in thy tabernacle
a Ps. 27. 4. for ever; b I will || trust in the covert
b Ps. 17. 8. & 57. 1. & 91. 4. || Or, *make my refuge.* of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 c † Thou wilt prolong the king's
c Ps. 21. 4. † Heb. *Thou shalt add days to the days of the king.* life; *and* his years † as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare d mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

† Heb. *as generation and generation.* d Ps. 40. 11. Prov. 20. 28.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

1 *David, professing his confidence in God, discourageth his enemies: 5 in the same confidence he encourageth the godly. 9 No trust is to be put in worldly things. 11 Power and mercy belong to God.*

¶ To the chief musician, to * Jedu-
1048. * 1 Chr. 25. 1, 3. thun, A psalm of David.

|| TRULY a my soul †waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

|| Or, *Only.* a Ps. 33. 20. † Heb. *is silent,* Psal. 65. 1.

2 b He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my †defence; c I shall not be greatly moved.

b Verse 6. † Heb. *high place.* c Ps. 37. 24.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: d as a bowing wall *shall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.

d Isaiah 30. 13.

4 They only consult to cast *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: e they bless with their
e Ps. 28. 3. † Heb. *in their inward parts.* mouth, but they curse †inwardly. Selah.

5 f My soul, wait thou only upon
f Ver. 1, 2. God; for my expectation *is* from him.

6 He only *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, g pour out your heart before
g 1 Sam. 1. 15. Lam. 2. 19. him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

9 h Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* || altogether *lighter* than vanity.

h Psal. 39. 5, 11. Isaiah 40. 15, 17. Rom. 3. 4. || Or, *alike.*

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: i if riches
i Job 31. 25. Luke 12. 15. 1 Tim. 6. 17 increase, set not your heart *upon them.*

11 God hath spoken [k] once; twice have I heard this, that ‖ power *belongeth* unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O LORD, *belongeth* mercy: for [l] thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Matth. 16. 27. Rom. 2. 6. 1 Cor. 3. 8. 2 Cor. 5. 10. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17. Rev. 22. 12.

PSALM LXIII.

1 *David's thirst after God's service in his sanctuary:* 4 *his manner of blessing God:* 9 *his confidence of his enemies' destruction.*

¶ A psalm of David, * when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O GOD, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: [a] my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and † thirsty land, † where no water is;

2 To see [b] thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 [c] Because thy loving-kindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with* † marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips;

6 When [d] I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night*-watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore [e] in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those *that* seek my soul, to destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 † They shall fall by the sword; [f] they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; [g] every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM LXIV.

1 *David prayeth for deliverance, complaining of his enemies:* 7 *he promiseth himself to see such an evident destruction of his enemies, that the righteous shall rejoice at it.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 [a] Who whet their tongue like a sword, [b] *and* bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words;

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 [c] They encourage themselves *in* an evil ‖ matter: they commune † of laying snares privily; [d] they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; ‖ they accomplish † a diligent search: both the inward *thought* of every one *of them*, and the heart, *is* deep.

7 [e] But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; suddenly † shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: [f] all that see them shall flee away.

9 [g] And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God: for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 [h] The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

1 *David praiseth God for his grace.* 4 *The blessedness of God's chosen, because of his infinite power and goodness.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm *and* song of David.

PRAISE † waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, [a] unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 † Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 [b] Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: [c] we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

5 *By* terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; [d] *being* girded with power:

7 [e] Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, [f] and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening ‖ to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and ‖ [g] waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it

k Job 33. 14.
‖ Or, *strength.*
l Job 34. 11. Prov. 24. 12. Jer. 32. 19. Ezek. 7. 27. & 33. 20. Ephes. 6. 8.
* 1 Sam. 22. 5. & 23. 14, 15, 16.
a Ps. 42. 2. & 84. 2. & 143. 6.
† Heb. *weary.*
† Heb. *without water.*
b See 1 Sam. 4. 21. 1 Chron. 16. 11. Psal. 78. 61.
c Ps. 30. 5.
† Heb. *fatness.*
d Ps. 42. 8. & 119. 55. & 149. 5.
e Ps. 61. 4.
‡ Heb. *They shall make him run out* like water *by the hands of the sword.*
f Ezek. 35. 5.
g Deuter. 6. 13. Isa. 45. 23. & 65. 16. Zeph. 1. 5.
a Ps. 11. 2. & 57. 4.
b Ps. 58. 7.
c See Prov. 1. 11.
‖ Or, *speech.*
† Heb. *to hide snares.*
d Ps. 10. 11. & 59. 7.
‖ Or, *we are consumed by that which they have throughly searched.*
† Heb. *a search searched.*
e Psalm 7. 12, 13.
† Heb. *their wound shall be.*
f Ps. 31. 11. & 52. 6.
g Ps. 40. 3.
h Ps. 32. 11. & 58. 10.
† Heb. *is silent,* Psal. 62. 1.
a Isa. 66. 23.
† Heb. *Words,* or, *Matters of iniquities.*
b Ps. 33. 12. & 84. 4.
c Ps. 36. 8.
d Ps. 93. 1.
e Ps. 89. 9. & 107. 29.
f Ps. 76. 10. Isaiah 17. 12, 13.
‖ Or, *to sing.*
‖ Or, *after thou hadst made it to desire rain.*
g Psalms 68. 9, 10. & 104. 13.

h Ps. 46. 4. h with the river of God, *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; ‖ thou settlest the furrows thereof; † thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof:

‖ Or, *thou causest rain to descend into the furrows thereof.* † Heb. *thou dissolvest it.*

11 Thou crownest † the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

† Heb. *the year of thy goodness.*

12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills † rejoice on every side.

† Heb. *are girded with joy.*

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; i the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

i Isa. 55. 12.

PSALM LXVI.

1 *David exhorteth to praise God, 5 to observe his great works, 8 to bless him for his gracious benefits: 12 he voweth for himself religious service unto God: 16 he declareth God's special goodness to himself.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A song *or* psalm.

† Heb. *all the earth.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, † all ye lands.

2 Sing forth the honour of his name; make his praise glorious.

a Ps. 18. 44. 3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in* thy works! a through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ‖ † submit themselves unto thee.

‖ Or, *yield feigned obedience,* Psal. 18. 44. & 81. 15. † Heb. *lie.*

4 b All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.

b Ps. 67. 3.

c Ps. 46. 8. 5 c Come and see the works of God: *he is* terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.

d Exod. 14. 21. e Joshua 3. 14. 6 d He turned the sea into dry *land:* e they went through the flood on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

f Ps. 11. 4. 7 He ruleth by his power for ever; f his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

† Heb. *putteth.*

9 Which † holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

g Ps. 17. 3. Isa. 48. 10. h Zech. 13. 9. 10 For g thou, O God, hast proved us: h thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidest affliction upon our loins.

i Isa. 51. 23. k Isa. 43. 2. 12 i Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: k we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a † wealthy *place.*

† Heb. *moist.*

13 l I will go into the house with burnt-offerings; m I will pay thee my vows,

l Ps. 100. 4. m Eccles. 5. 4.

14 Which my lips have † uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

† Heb. *opened.*

15 I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of † fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

† Heb. *marrow.*

16 n Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

n Ps. 34. 11.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 o If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear *me:*

o Prov. 28. 9. Isai. 1. 15. John 9. 31. James 4. 3.

19 *But* verily God hath heard *me;* he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

1 *A prayer for the enlargement of God's kingdom, 3 to the joy of the people, 6 and the increase of God's blessings.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth,
A psalm *or* song.

a Psal. 4. 6. † Heb. *with us.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; *and* a cause his face to shine † upon us. Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

b Ps. 66. 4. 3 b Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

c Ps. 96. 13. † Heb. *lead.* 4 O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy: for c thou shalt judge the people righteously, and † govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

d Ps. 85. 12. 6 d *Then* shall the earth yield her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.

1 *A prayer at the removing of the ark. 4 An exhortation to praise God for his mercies, 7 for his care of the church, 19 and for his great works.*

¶ To the chief musician,
A psalm *or* song of David.

a Numb. 10. 35. † Heb. *from his face.*

LET a God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee † before him.

b Isa. 9. 18. Hos. 13. 3. c Ps. 97. 5. Mic. 1. 4. 2 b As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: c as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But [d] let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God; yea, let them † exceedingly rejoice.

4 [e] Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: [f] extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 [g] A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

6 [h] God setteth the solitary † in families: [i] he bringeth out those which are bound with chains; but [k] the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 O God, [l] when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

8 [m] The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 [n] Thou, O God, didst † send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst † confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: [o] thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The LORD gave the word; great *was* the † company of those that published *it*.

12 [p] Kings of armies † did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 [q] Though ye have lien among the pots, [r] *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 [s] When the Almighty scattered kings ‖ in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill, *as* the hill of Bashan.

16 [t] Why leap ye, ye high hills? [u] *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 [x] The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, ‖ *even* thousands of angels: the LORD *is* among them, *as* in Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 [y] Thou hast ascended on high, [z] thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts † for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, [a] that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the LORD, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of salvation; and [b] unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

21 But [c] God shall wound the head of his enemies, [d] *and* the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The LORD said, I will bring again [e] from Bashan; I will bring *my people* again [f] from the depths of the sea:

23 [g] That thy foot may be ‖ dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, [h] *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God, *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 [i] The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; among *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, *even* the LORD, ‖ from [k] the fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* [l] little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah ‖ *and* their council, the princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem [m] shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke ‖ the company of spearmen, [n] the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: ‖ scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.

31 [o] Princes shall come out of Egypt; [p] Ethiopia shall soon [q] stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the LORD; Selah:

33 To him [r] that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, [s] he doth † send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the ‖ clouds.

35 O God, [t] *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

PSALM LXIX.

1 *David complaineth of his affliction:* 13 *he prayeth for deliverance:* 30 *he praiseth God with thanksgiving.*

¶ To the chief musician [*] upon Shoshannim, *A psalm* of David.

SAVE me, O God; for [a] the waters are come in unto *my* soul.

2 [b] I sink in † deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into

d Ps. 32. 11.
† Heb. *rejoice with gladness.*
e Ps. 66. 4.
f Deuter. 33. 26. Verse 33.
g Ps. 10. 14, 18. & 146. 9.
h 1 Sam. 2. 5. Ps. 113. 9.
† Heb. *in a house.*
i Ps. 107. 10. & 146. 7.
k Psal. 107. 34, 40.
l Judg. 4. 14.
m Exod. 19. 16, 18. Judges 5. 4. Isa. 64. 1, 3.
n Deut. 11. 11, 12.
† Heb. *shake out.*
† Heb. *confirm it.*
o Ps. 74. 19.
† Heb. *army.*
p Num. 31. 8, 9, 54.
† Heb. *did flee, did flee.*
q Ps. 81. 6.
r Ps. 105. 37.
s Num. 21. 3.
‖ Or, *for her she was.*
t Psal. 114. 4, 6.
u Ps. 87. 1. & 132. 15, 14.
x Deut. 33. 2. 2 Kings 6. 16, 17. Dan 7. 10. Hebr. 12. 22. Rev. 9. 16.
‖ Or, even *many thousands.*
y Eph. 4. 8.
z Judg. 5. 12.
† Heb. *in the man.*
a Ps. 78. 60.
b Deuter. 32. 39. Prov. 4. 23. Rev. 1. 18. & 20. 1.

c Ps. 110. 6. Hab. 3. 13.
d Ps. 55. 23.
e Numb. 21. 33.
f Exod. 14. 22.
g Ps. 58. 10.
‖ Or, *red.*
h 1 Kings 21. 19.
i 1 Chron. 13. 8. & 15. 16. Psal. 47. 5.
‖ Or, ye that are *of the fountain of Israel.*
k Deuter. 33. 28. Isai. 48. 1.
l 1 Sam. 9. 21.
‖ Or, with *their company.*
m 1 Kings 10. 10, 24, 25. 2 Chron. 32. 23. Psal. 72. 10. & 76. 11. Isaiah 60. 16, 17.
‖ Or, *the beasts of the reeds,* Jerem. 51. 32, 33.
n Ps. 22. 12.
‖ Or, *he scattereth.*
o Isa. 19. 19.
p Ps. 72. 9. Isai. 45. 14. Zeph. 3. 10.
q Ps. 44. 20.
r Ps. 18. 10. & 104. 3. Verse 4.
s Psal. 29. 3, &c.
† Heb. *give.*
‖ Or, *heavens.*
t Ps. 45. 4.
* Psal. 45. title.
a Verse 2, 14, 15. Jonah 2. 5.
b Ps. 40. 2.
† Heb. *the mire of depth.*

† Heb. *depth of waters.*

† deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried: [c] mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

c Psal. 119. 82, 123.

d John 15. 25.

4 They that [d] hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my † sins are not hid from thee.

† Heb. *guiltinesses.*

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake; let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

e Ps. 31. 11. Isai. 53. 3. John 1. 11. & 7. 5.

8 [e] I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

f Psalm 119. 139. John 2. 17.

9 [f] For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; [g] and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

g See Psal. 89. 50, 51. Rom. 15. 3.

h Psal. 35. 13, 14.

10 [h] When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; [i] and I became a proverb to them.

i 1 Kings 9. 7.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and [k] I *was* the song of the † drunkards.

k Job 30. 9. Psalm 35. 15, 16.

† Heb. *drinkers of strong drink.*

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD, [l] in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

l Isa. 49. 8. & 55. 6. 2 Cor. 6. 2.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: [m] let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of [n] the deep waters.

m Ps. 144. 7.

n Verses 1, 2, 15.

15 Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving-kindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And [o] hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: † hear me speedily.

o Ps. 27. 9. & 102. 2.

† Heb. *make haste to hear me.*

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me, because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known [p] my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

p Psalm 22. 6, 7. Isa. 53. 3. Hebr. 12. 2.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness: and [q] I looked *for some* † to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

q Ps. 142. 4. Isai. 63. 5.

† Heb. *to lament* with me.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; [r] and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

r Matth. 27. 34, 48. Mark 15. 23. John 19. 29.

22 [s] Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been* for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.

s Rom. 11. 9, 10.

23 [t] Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

t Isaiah 6. 9, 10. John 12. 39, 40. Rom. 11. 10. 2 Cor. 3. 14.

24 [u] Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

u 1 Thess. 2. 16.

25 [x] Let † their habitation be desolate, *and* † let none dwell in their tents.

x Acts 1. 20. † Heb. *their palace.*

26 For [y] they persecute [z] *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of † those whom thou hast wounded.

† Heb. *let there not be a dweller.* y See 2 Chr. 28. 9. z Isa. 53. 4. † Heb. *thy wounded.*

27 Add ‖ iniquity unto their iniquity: [a] and let them not come into thy righteousness.

‖ Or, *punishment of iniquity.*

28 Let them [b] be blotted out of the book of the living, [c] and not be written with the righteous.

a Isa. 26. 10. Rom. 9. 31. b Exod. 32. 32. Rev. 13. 8. c Ezek. 13. 9. Luke 10. 20. Hebr. 12. 23.

29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 [d] *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

d Psalm 50. 13, 14, 23.

32 [e] The ‖ humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and [f] your heart shall live that seek God.

e Ps. 34. 2. ‖ Or, *meek.* f Ps. 22. 26.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 [g] Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, [h] and every thing that † moveth therein:

g Ps. 96. 11. Isai. 44. 23. & 49. 13. h Isaiah 55. 12. † Heb. *creepeth.*

35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah; that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 [i] The seed also of his servants shall inherit it; and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

i Ps. 102. 28.

PSALM LXX.

David soliciteth God to the speedy destruction of the wicked, and preservation of the godly.

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David, * to bring to remembrance.

* Psalm 38. title.

MAKE haste, [a] O God, to deliver me; make haste † to help me, O LORD.

a Ps. 40. 13, &c. & 71. 12. † Heb. *to my help.*

b Ps. 35. 4, 26. & 71. 13. 2 b Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

c Ps. 40. 15. 3 c Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha!

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

d Ps. 40. 17. 5 d But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

1 *David, in confidence of faith and experience of God's favour, prayeth both for himself and against the enemies of his soul:* 14 *he promiseth constancy:* 17 *he prayeth for perseverance:* 19 *he praiseth God,* &c.

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a Ps. 25. 2, 3. & 31. 1. IN a thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

b Ps. 31. 1. 2 b Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

c Psalm 31. 2, 3. † Heb. *Be thou to me for a rock of habitation.* 3 c †Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

d Psal. 140. 1, 4. 4 d Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked; out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

e Psalm 22. 9, 10. Isai. 46. 3. 6 e By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels; my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

f Zech. 3. 8. 7 f I am as a wonder unto many: but thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

g Verse 18. 9 g Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

† Heb. *watch,* or, *observe.* 10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that †lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him.*

h Ps. 22. 11. & 70. 1. 12 h O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

i Verse 24. Psal. 35. 4, 26. & 40. 14. & 70. 2. 13 i Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for k I know not the numbers *thereof.* k Ps. 40. 5. & 139. 17, 18.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 l Now also, †when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, until I have shewed †thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that is* to come. l Verse 9. † Heb. *unto old age and gray hairs.* † Heb. *thine arm.*

19 m Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: n O God, who *is* like unto thee? m Ps. 57. 10. n Psalm 89. 6, 8.

20 o *Thou,* which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. o Ps. 60. 3.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee †with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. † Heb. *with the instrument of psaltery.*

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for p they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt. p Verse 13.

PSALM LXXII.

David, praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his kingdom in type, and of Christ's in truth, &c.

¶ *A psalm* || * for Solomon. || Or, *of.* * Psal. 127. title.

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. 1075.

a Isai. 11. 2, 3, 4. 2 a He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

b Ps. 85. 10. Isai. 52. 7. 3 b The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

c Isai. 11. 4. 4 c He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

d Ver. 7, 17. Psalm 89. 36, 37. 5 They shall fear thee d as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

e 2 Sam. 23. 4. Hos. 6. 3. 6 e He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers *that* water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; [f] and abundance of peace † so long as the moon endureth.

8 [g] He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 [h] They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; [i] and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 [k] The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 [l] Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him.

12 For he [m] shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and [n] precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him † shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: [o] and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 [p] His name † shall endure for ever: † his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and [q] *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 [r] Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, [s] who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: [t] and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory. Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM LXXIII.

1 *The psalmist, labouring under temptation, 2 sheweth the occasion thereof, the prosperity of the wicked:* 13 *the wound given thereby, diffidence:* 15 *the victory over it, knowledge of God's purpose, in destroying of the wicked, and sustaining the righteous.*

¶ || A psalm of * Asaph.

||TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are † of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 [a] For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands † in their death; but their strength *is* † firm.

5 [b] They *are* not † in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued † like *other* men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

7 [c] Their eyes stand out with fatness: † they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and [d] speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens; and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither; [e] and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them:

11 And they say, [f] How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches.

13 [g] Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and [h] washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and † chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 [i] When I thought to know this, † it *was* too painful for me,

17 Until [k] I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end.

18 Surely [l] thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 [m] As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O LORD, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 [n] So foolish *was* I, and † ignorant: I was *as* a beast † before thee.

23 Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee; thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 [o] Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.

f Isai. 2. 4. Dan. 2. 44. Luke 1. 33.
† Heb. *till* there be *no moon.*
g See Exod. 23. 31. 1 Kings 4. 21, 24. Psal. 2. 8. & 80. 11. & 89. 25. Zech. 9. 10.
h Ps. 74. 14.
i Is. 49. 23. Mic. 7. 17.
k 2 Chron. 9. 21. Psal. 45. 12. & 68. 29. Isai. 49. 7. & 60. 9.
l Isai. 49. 22, 23.
m Job 29. 12.
n Psalm 16. 15.
† Heb. one *shall give.*
o 1 Kings 4. 20.
p Ps. 89. 36.
† Heb. *shall be.*
† Heb. *shall be as a son to continue his father's name for ever.*
q Gen. 12. 3. & 22. 18. Jer. 4. 2.
r 1 Chron. 29. 10.
s Ps. 136. 4.
t Zech. 14. 9.
‖ Or, *A psalm for Asaph.*
* Psal. 50. title.
¶ Or, *Yet.*
† Heb. *clean of heart.*
a Job 21. 7. Psal. 37. 1. Jer. 12. 1.
† Heb. *till.*
† Heb. *fat.*
b Job 21. 9.
† Heb. *in the trouble of other men.*
† Heb. *with.*
c Job 15. 27. Ps. 17. 10. & 119. 70.
† Heb. *they pass the thoughts of the heart.*
d Hos. 7. 16.
e Ps. 75. 8.
f Job 22. 13. Ps. 10. 11. & 94. 7.
g Job 21. 15. & 34. 9. & 35. 3. Mal. 3. 14.
h Ps. 26. 6.
† Heb. *my chastisement was.*
i Eccles. 8. 17.
† Heb. *it was labour in mine eyes.*
k Ps. 77. 13.
l Ps. 35. 6.
m Job 20. 8. Psal. 90. 5.
n Ps. 92. 6. Prov. 30. 2.
† Heb. *I knew not.*
† Heb. *with thee.*
o Isa. 58. 8.

26 [p]My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the †strength of my heart, and [q]my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that [r]go a whoring from thee.

28 But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

1 *The psalmist complaineth of the desolation of the sanctuary:* 10 *he moveth God to help, in consideration of his power,* 15 *of his reproachful enemies,* 19 *of his church, and of his covenant.*

¶ ||Maschil of Asaph.

O GOD, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against [a]the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, [b]*which* thou hast purchased of old; the ||[c]rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations, *even* all *that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 [d]Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregation; [e]they set up their ensigns *for* signs.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down [f]the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 [g]†They have cast fire into thy sanctuary; they have defiled [h]*by casting down* the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us †destroy them together: they have burnt up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: [i]*there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 [k]Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

12 For [l]God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 [m]Thou didst †divide the sea by thy strength: [n]thou brakest the heads of the ||dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat [o]to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 [p]Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: [q]thou driedst up †mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine; [r]thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: [s]thou hast †made summer and winter.

18 [t]Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul [u]of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude *of the wicked:* [x]forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 [y]Have respect unto the covenant; for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: [z]remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee †increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

1 *The psalmist praiseth God,* 2 *and promiseth to judge uprightly:* 4 *he rebuketh the proud by consideration of God's providence:* 9 *he praiseth God.*

¶ To the chief musician, ||*Al-taschith, A psalm *or* song ||of Asaph.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name *is* near thy wondrous works declare.

2 ||When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly; and to the wicked, [a]Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not* with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the †south:

7 But [b]God *is* the judge: [c]he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For [d]in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red;

p Ps. 84. 2. & 119. 81.
† Heb. *rock.*
q Ps. 16. 5.
r Exod. 34. 15. Num. 15. 39. James 4. 4.
‖ Or, A psalm *for Asaph, to give instruction.*
a Ps. 95. 7. & 100. 3.
b Deut. 9. 29.
‖ Or, *tribe.*
c Deut. 32. 9. Jer. 10. 16.
d Lam. 2. 7.
e Matth. 24. 24. 2 Thess. 2. 9.
f 1 Kings 6. 18, 29, 32, 35.
g 2 Kings 25. 9.
† Heb. *They have sent thy sanctuary into the fire.*
h Ps. 89. 39.
† Heb. *break.*
i 1 Sam. 3. 1. Amos 8. 11. 1 Mac. 4. 46.
k Lam. 2. 3.
l Ps. 44. 4.
m Exod. 14. 21.
† Heb. *break.*
n Isaiah 51. 9, 10. Ezek. 29. 3. & 32. 2.
‖ Or, *whales.*
o Ps. 72. 9.
p Exod. 17. 5. Numb. 20. 11. Ps. 105. 41. Isa. 48. 21.
q Josh. 3. 13, &c.
† Heb. *rivers of strength.*
r Genes. 1. 14, &c.
s Gen. 8. 22.
† Heb. *made them.*
t Verse 22. Rev. 16. 19.
u Cant. 2. 14.
x Ps. 68. 10.
y Gen. 17. 7, 8. Jer. 33. 21.
z Verse 18. Psal. 89. 51.
† Heb. *ascendeth.*
‖ Or, *Destroy not.*
* Psal. 57. title.
‖ Or, *for Asaph.*
‖ Or, *When I shall take a set time.*
a Zech. 1. 21.
† Heb. *desert.*
b Ps. 50. 6. & 58. 11.
c 1 Sam. 2. 7. Dan. 2. 21.
d Job 21. 20. Psal. 60. 3. Jer. 25. 15. Rev. 14. 10. & 16. 19.

it is [e]full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: [f]but the dregs thereof all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 [g]All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* [h]the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

1 *A declaration of God's majesty in the church:* 11 *an exhortation to serve him reverently.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm *or* song ‖ of Asaph.

IN [a]Judah *is* God known; his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling-place in Zion.

3 [b]There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent [c]than the mountains of prey.

5 [d]The stout-hearted are spoiled, [e]they have slept their sleep; and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 [f]At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared; and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 [g]Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; [h]the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 [i]Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 [k]Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: [l]let all that be round about him bring presents † unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: [m]*he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

1 *The psalmist sheweth what fierce combat he had with diffidence:* 10 *the victory which he had by consideration of God's great and gracious works.*

¶ To the chief musician, * to Jedu-thun, A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD; † my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 [a]I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: [b]I commune with mine own heart; and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the LORD cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail † for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD; surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 [c]Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: [d]who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 [e]Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 [f]The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 † The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: [g]the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

19 [h]Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, [i]and thy footsteps are not known.

20 [k]Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

1 *An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God.* 9 *The story of God's wrath against the incredulous and disobedient.* 67 *Other tribes of Israel being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion, and David.*

¶ * ‖ Maschil of Asaph.

GIVE ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 [a]I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old;

e Prov. 23. 30.
f Ps. 73. 10.
g Ps. 101. 8. Jer. 48. 25.
h Ps. 89. 17. & 148. 14.
‖ Or, *for Asaph.*
a Psal. 48. 1, &c.
b Ps. 46. 9. Ezek. 39. 9.
c Ezek. 38. 12, 13. & 39. 4.
d Isa. 46. 12.
e Ps. 13. 3. Jer. 51. 39.
f Exod. 15. 1, 21. Ezek. 39. 20. Nah. 2. 13. Zech. 12. 4.
g Ezekiel 38. 20.
h 2 Chron. 20. 29.
i See Exod. 9. 16. & 18. 11. Psal. 65. 7.
k Eccles. 5. 4, 5, 6.
l 2 Chron. 32. 22, 23. Psal. 68. 29. & 89. 7.
† Heb. *to fear.*
m Ps. 68. 35.
* Psalm 59. & 62. titles.
‖ Or, *for Asaph.*
† Heb. *my hand.*
a Ps. 143. 5. Isai. 51. 9.
b Psal. 4. 4.
† Heb. *to generation and generation.*
c Ps. 73. 17.
d Exod. 15. 11.
e Exod. 6. 6.
f Exod. 14. 21. Ps. 114. 3. Habak. 3. 8, &c.
† Heb. *The clouds were poured forth with water.*
g Ps. 97. 4.
h Hab. 3. 15.
i Exod. 14. 28.
k Exod. 14. 19. Ps. 78. 52. Hos. 12. 13.
* Psalm 74. title.
‖ Or, A psalm *for Asaph, to give instruction.*
a Ps. 49. 4. Mat. 13. 35.

3 [b] Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
4 [c] We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.
5 [d] For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, [e] that they should make them known to their children;
6 [f] That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born, *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children;
7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers, [g] a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation † [h] *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* † carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.
12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, [i] *in* the field of Zoan.
13 [k] He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and [l] he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14 [m] In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.
15 [n] He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.
16 He brought [o] streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 And they sinned yet more against him, by [p] provoking the most High in the wilderness.
18 And [q] they tempted God in their heart, by asking meat for their lust.
19 [r] Yea, they spake against God: they said, Can God † furnish a table in the wilderness?
20 [s] Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and [t] was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation;
23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, [u] and opened the doors of heaven,
24 [x] And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 || Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
26 [y] He caused an east wind † to blow in the heaven; and by his power he brought in the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and † feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea;
28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.
29 [z] So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;
30 They were not estranged from their lust: but [a] while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and † smote down the || chosen *men* of Israel.
32 For all this [b] they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.
33 [c] Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.
34 [d] When he slew them, then they sought him; and they returned and enquired early after God:
35 And they remembered that [e] God *was* their Rock, and the high God their Redeemer.
36 [f] Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.
37 For [g] their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
38 [h] But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not; yea, many a time [i] turned he his anger away, [k] and did not stir up all his wrath:
39 For [l] he remembered [m] that they *were but* flesh; [n] a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they || [o] provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!
41 Yea, [p] they turned back, and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them || from the enemy.

b Ps. 44. 1.
c Deut. 4. 9. Joel 1. 3.
d Ps. 147. 19.
e Deuter. 4. 9. & 6. 7. & 11. 19.
f Ps. 102. 18.
g Exod. 32. 9. & 33. 3. & 34. 9. Deut. 9. 6, 13. & 31. 27. Psal. 68. 6.
† Heb. *that prepared not their heart.*
h Verse 37.
† Heb. *throwing forth.*
i Gen. 32. 3. Numb. 13. 22. Isaiah 19. 11, 13. Ezek. 30. 14.
k Exod. 14. 21.
l Exod. 15. 8. Psal. 33. 7.
m Exod. 13. 21. & 14. 24. Ps. 105. 39.
n Exod. 17. 6. Numb. 20. 11. Ps. 105. 41. 1 Cor. 10. 4.
o Deut. 9. 21. Ps. 105. 41.
p Ps. 95. 8.
q Exod. 16. 2.
r Numb. 11. 4.
† Heb. *order.*
s Exod. 17. 6. Numb. 20. 11.
t Numb. 11. 1, 10.
u Gen. 7. 11. Mal. 3. 10.
x Exod. 16. 4, 14. Ps. 105. 40. John 6. 31. 1 Cor. 10. 3.
|| Or, *Every one did eat the bread of the mighty,* Ps. 103. 20.
y Numb. 11. 31.
† Heb. *to go.*
† Heb. *fowl of wing.*
z Numb. 11. 20.
a Numb. 11. 33.
† Heb. *made to bow.*
|| Or, *young men.*
b Numb. 14. & 16. & 17.
c Numb. 14. 29.
d See Hos. 5. 15.
e Deuter. 32. 4.
f Ezekiel 33. 31.
g Verse 8.
h Numb. 14. 18.
i Isa. 48. 9.
k 1 Kings 21. 29.
l Psal. 103. 14, 16.
m Gen. 6. 3. John 3. 6.
n Job 7. 7, 16.
|| Or, *rebel against him.*
o Psal. 95. 9, 10. Isai. 7. 13. Eph. 4. 30.
p Numb. 14. 22.
|| Or, *from affliction.*

q Ps. 105. 27, &c.
† Heb. *set.*

43 How [q] he had † wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

r Exod. 7. 20. Ps. 105. 29.

44 [r] And had turned their rivers into blood, and their floods, that they could not drink.

s Exod. 8. 24. Ps. 105. 31.

45 [s] He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them;

t Exod. 8. 6.

and [t] frogs, which destroyed them.

u Exod. 10. 15. Ps. 105. 34.

46 [u] He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

x Exod. 9. 23. Ps. 105. 33.
† Heb. *killed.*
‖ Or, *great hailstones.*

47 [x] He † destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore-trees with ‖ frost.

y Exod. 9. 23. Ps. 105. 32.
† Heb. *He shut up.*
‖ Or, *lightnings.*

48 [y] † He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to ‖ hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them.*

† Heb. *He weighed a path.*
‖ Or, *their beasts to the murrain,* Exod. 9. 3, 6.

50 † He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave ‖ their life over to the pestilence;

51 [z] And smote all the first-born in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in

z Exod. 12. 29. Ps. 105. 36.

[a] the tabernacles of Ham:

a Psalm 106. 22.

52 But [b] made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

b Ps. 77. 20.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not; but the sea

c Exod. 14. 27, 28. & 15. 10.

[c] † overwhelmed their enemies.

† Heb. *covered.*

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this

d Ps. 44. 3.

mountain, [d] *which* his right hand had purchased.

e Joshua 13. 7. Psal. 136. 21, 22.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and [e] divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies;

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were

f Hos. 7. 16.

turned aside [f] like a deceitful bow.

g Deut. 32. 16, 21.

58 [g] For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard *this,* he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

h 1 Sam. 4. 11. Jerem. 7. 12, 14. & 26. 6, 9.

60 [h] So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;

i Judges 18. 30.

61 [i] And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and [k] their maidens were not † given to marriage.

k Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10.

64 [l] Their priests fell by the sword; and [m] their widows made no lamentation.

† Heb. *praised.*
l 1 Sam. 4. 11.
m Job 27. 15.

65 Then the LORD [n] awaked as one out of sleep, *and* [o] like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

Ezek. 24. 23.
n Ps. 44. 23.
o Is. 42. 13.

66 And [p] he smote his enemies in the hinder parts; he put them to a perpetual reproach.

p 1 Sam. 5. 6, 12. & 6. 4.

67 Moreover, he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion, [q] which he loved.

q Ps. 87. 2.

69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces,* like the earth which he hath † established for ever.

† Heb. *founded.*

70 [r] He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

r 1 Sam. 16. 11. 2 Sam. 7. 8.

71 † From following [s] the ewes great with young he brought him [t] to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

† Heb. *From after.*
s Genes. 33. 13. Isa. 40. 11.
t 2 Sam. 5. 2. 1 Chron. 11. 2.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

1 *The psalmist complaineth of the desolation of Jerusalem:* 8 *he prayeth for deliverance,* 13 *and promiseth thankfulness.*

¶ A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *for Asaph.*

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; [a] thy holy temple have they defiled; [b] they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

a Ps. 74. 7. 1 Mac. 1. 31, 39.
b Mic. 3. 12.

2 [c] The dead bodies of thy servants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

c Jer. 7. 33. 1 Mac. 7. 17.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; [d] and *there was* none to bury *them.*

d Ps. 141. 7. Jer. 14. 16. & 16. 4.

4 [e] We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

Rev. 11. 9.
e Ps. 44. 13. & 80. 6.

5 [f] How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

f Ps. 74. 1, 9, 10. & 89. 46.

6 [g] Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name:

g Jer. 10. 25.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 [h] O remember not against us ‖ former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

h Isa. 64. 9.
‖ Or, *the iniquities of them that were before us.*

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

i Ps. 42. 10. & 115. 2.

10 [i] Wherefore should the heathen say, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight *by* the † revenging of the blood of thy servants *which is* shed.

† Heb. *vengeance.*

k Ps. 102. 20.

11 Let [k] the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of † thy power † preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

† Heb. *thine arm.*

† Heb. *reserve the children of death.*

12 And render unto our neighbours [l] seven-fold into their bosom [m] their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O LORD.

l Gen. 4. 15. Isa. 65. 6, 7. Jer. 32. 18. Luke 6. 38.

m Ps. 74. 22.

13 So [n] we thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, will give thee thanks for ever; we will shew forth thy praise † to all generations.

n Ps. 95. 7. & 100. 3.

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

PSALM LXXX.

1 *The psalmist in his prayer complaineth of the miseries of the church.* 8 *God's former favours are turned into judgments.* 14 *The psalmist prayeth for deliverance.*

¶ To the chief musician * upon Shoshannim-eduth, A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

* Psal. 45. & 69. title.

‖ Or, *for Asaph.*

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, [a] thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; [b] thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims, [c] shine forth.

a Ps. 77. 20.

b Exod. 25. 20. 1 Sam. 4. 4. 2 Sam. 6. 2. Psal. 99. 1.

c Deut. 33. 2. Psal. 50. 2. & 94. 1.

2 [d] Before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up thy strength, and † come *and* save us.

d Numb. 2. 18,—23.

† Heb. *come for salvation to us.*

3 [e] Turn us again, O God, [f] and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

e Ver. 7, 19. Lam. 5. 21.

f Psal. 4. 6.

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long † wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

† Heb. *wilt thou smoke?*

Psal. 74. 1.

5 [g] Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

g Ps. 42. 3. & 102. 9.

6 [h] Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

h Ps. 44. 13. & 79. 4.

7 [i] Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

i Ver. 3, 19.

8 Thou hast brought [k] a vine out of Egypt; [l] thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

k Isa. 5. 1, 7. Jer. 2. 21. Ezek. 15. 6. & 17. 6. & 19. 10.

l Ps. 44. 2.

9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* † the goodly cedars.

† Heb. *the cedars of God.*

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches [m] unto the river.

m Ps. 72. 8.

12 Why hast thou *then* [n] broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

n Psalm 89. 40, 41. Isaiah 5. 5. Nah. 2. 2.

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: [o] look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

o Isa. 63. 15.

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.

16 *It is* burnt with fire; *it is* cut down: [p] they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

p Ps. 76. 7.

17 [q] Let thy hand be upon the Man of thy right hand, upon the Son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.

q Ps. 89. 21.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 [r] Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

r Ver. 3, 7.

PSALM LXXXI.

1 *An exhortation to a solemn praising of God.* 4 *God challengeth that duty by reason of his benefits.* 8 *God, exhorting his people to obedience, complaineth of their disobedience,* &c.

¶ To the chief musician * upon Gittith, *A psalm* ‖ of Asaph.

* Psal. 8. title.

‖ Or, *for Asaph.*

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast-day.

4 For [a] this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

a Lev. 23. 24. Numb. 10. 10.

5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out ‖ through the land of Egypt; [b] *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.

‖ Or, *against.*

b Ps. 114. 1.

6 [c] I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands † were delivered from [d] the pots.

c Isa. 9. 4. & 10. 27.

† Heb. *passed away.*

d Exod. 1. 14.

7 [e] Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; [f] I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I [g] proved thee at the waters of ‖ Meribah. Selah.

e Exod. 2. 23. & 14. 10. Psal. 50. 15.

f Exod. 19. 19.

g Exod. 17. 6, 7. Numb. 20. 13.

8 [h] Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

‖ Or, *Strife.*

h Ps. 50. 7.

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

i Exod. 20.2.
10 [i] I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: [k] open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
k Ps. 37. 4. Eph. 3. 20.
11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.
12 [l] So I gave them up ‖ unto their own hearts' lust; *and* they walked in their own counsels.
l Acts 7. 42. & 14. 16. Rom. 1. 24.
‖ Or, *to the hardness of their hearts*, or, *imaginations*.
13 [m] Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!
m Deut. 5. 29. & 10. 12, 13. & 32. 29. Isa. 48. 18.
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 [n] The haters of the LORD should have ‖ † submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
n Ps. 18. 45.
‖ Or, *yielded feigned obedience*, Psal. 18. 44. & 66. 3.
† Heb. *lied*.
16 He should [o] have fed them also † with the finest of the wheat: and with honey [p] out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.
o Deut. 32. 13, 14. Ps. 147. 14.
† Heb. *with the fat of wheat*.
p Job 29. 6.

PSALM LXXXII.

1 *The psalmist, having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their negligence, 8 prayeth God to judge.*

¶ A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *for Asaph*.
GOD [a] standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
a 2 Chron. 19. 6. Eccles. 5. 8.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and [b] accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.
b Deut. 1. 17. 2 Chron. 19. 7.
3 † Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
† Heb. *Judge*.
4 [c] Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.
c Prov. 24. 11.
5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: [d] all the foundations of the earth are † out of course.
d Ps. 11. 3.
† Heb. *moved*.
6 [e] I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High:
e Exod. 22. 9. John 10. 34.
7 But [f] ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.
f Ps. 49. 12. Ezek. 31. 14.
8 [g] Arise, O God, judge the earth: [h] for thou shalt inherit all nations.
g Mic. 7. 2, 7.
h Ps. 2. 8.

PSALM LXXXIII.

1 *A complaint to God of the enemies' conspiracies.* 9 *A prayer against them that oppress the church.*

¶ A song *or* psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, *for Asaph*.
KEEP [a] not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
a Ps. 28. 1. & 35. 22. & 109. 1.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted [b] against thy hidden ones.
b Ps. 27. 5. & 31. 20.
4 They have said, Come, and [c] let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
c See Jer. 11. 19. & 31. 36.
5 For they have consulted together with one † consent; they are confederate against thee:
† Heb. *heart*.
6 [d] The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
d See 2 Chr. 20. 1, 10, 11.
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre:
8 Assur also is joined with them: † they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.
† Heb. *they have been an arm to the children of Lot*.
9 Do unto them as *unto* the [e] Midianites; as *to* [f] Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
e Judges 7. 22.
f Judg. 4. 15, 24. & 5. 21.
10 *Which* perished at En-dor: [g] they became *as* dung for the earth.
g 2 Kings 9. 37.
11 Make their nobles like [h] Oreb, and like Zeeb; yea, all their princes as [i] Zebah, and as Zalmunna;
Zeph. 1. 17.
h Judges 7. 25.
i Judges 8. 12, 21.
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 [k] O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
k Isaiah 17. 13, 14.
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 [l] That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most High over all the earth.
l Ps. 59. 13.

PSALM LXXXIV.

1 *The psalmist, longing for the communion of the sanctuary, 4 sheweth how blessed they are that dwell therein: 8 he prayeth to be restored unto it.*

¶ To the chief musician * upon Gittith, A psalm ‖ for the sons of Korah.
*Ps. 8. title.
‖ Or, *of*. 1025.

HOW amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
2 [a] My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
a Ps. 42. 1, 2. & 63. 1. & 73. 26. & 119. 20.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
4 [b] Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
b Ps. 65. 4.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them:*

6 *Who* passing through the valley || [c] of Baca make it a well; the rain also † filleth the pools.

7 They go || from strength to strength: *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, [d] O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand: † I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and [e] shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: [f] no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, [g] blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

1 *The psalmist, from the experience of former mercies, prayeth for the continuance thereof: 8 he promiseth to wait thereon, in confidence of God's goodness.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm * || for the sons of Korah.

LORD, thou hast been || favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 [a] Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: || thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 [b] Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for [c] he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; [d] that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; [e] righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

11 [f] Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 [g] Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and [h] our land shall yield her increase.

13 [i] Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

1 *David strengtheneth his prayer by his consciousness of religion, 5 by God's power and goodness: 11 he desireth the continuance of his grace: 14 complaining of the proud, he craveth some token of God's favour.*

¶ || A prayer of David.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me; for I *am* poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* || holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O LORD: for I cry unto thee || daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: [a] for unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

5 [b] For thou, LORD, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 [c] In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 [d] Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD; [e] neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

9 [f] All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou *art* great, and [g] doest wondrous things: [h] thou *art* God alone.

11 [i] Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest || hell.

14 O God, [k] the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of † violent *men* have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before them.

15 [l] But thou, O LORD, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious,

|| Or, *of mulberry-trees make him a well, &c.*
c 2 Sam. 5. 22, 23.
† Heb. *covereth.*
|| Or, *from company to company.*
d Gen. 15.1.
† Heb. *I would choose rather to sit at the threshold.*
e Gen. 15.1. Ps. 119.114. Prov. 2. 7.
f Psal. 34. 9, 10.
g Ps. 2. 12.
* Psal. 42. title.
|| Or, *of.*
|| Or, *well pleased.*
a Ps. 32. 1.
|| Or, *thou hast turned thine anger from waxing hot.*
b Ps. 80. 7.
c Zech. 9.10.
d Zech. 2. 5.
e Ps. 72. 3. Isa. 32. 17.
f Isa. 45. 8.
g Ps. 84. 11.
h Ps. 67. 6.
i Ps. 89. 14.
|| Or, *A prayer, being a psalm of David.*
|| Or, *one whom thou favourest.*
|| Or, *all the day.*
a Ps. 25. 1. & 143. 8.
b Ver. 15. Psal. 145. 9. Joel 2. 13.
c Ps. 50. 15.
d Exod. 15. 11. Psal. 89. 6.
e Deut. 3.24.
f Ps. 22. 31. & 102. 18. Isa. 45. 7.
g Ps. 72. 18. & 77. 14.
h Deut. 6. 4. & 32. 39. Isa. 37. 16.
i Ps. 25. 4. & 27. 11. & 119. 33. & 143. 8.
|| Or, *grave.*
k Ps. 54. 3.
† Heb. *terrible.*
l Ex. 34. 6. Num. 14.18. Neh. 9. 17. Verse 5. Ps. 103. 8. & 111. 4. & 130. 4. 7. & 145. 8. Joel 2. 13.

long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy
m Psalm 116. 16. servant, and save [m] the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

1 *The seat and glory of the church:* 4 *the increase and honourable distinction of the members thereof.*

‖ Or, *of.* ¶ A psalm *or* song ‖ for the sons of Korah.

a Ps. 48. 1. HIS foundation *is* [a] in the holy mountains.

b Psal. 78. 67, 68. 2 [b] The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

c Ps. 89. 10. 4 I will make mention of [c] Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this *man* was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; and the Highest himself shall establish her.

d Ps. 22. 30. 6 [d] The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments *shall be there:* all my springs *are* in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint under sore affliction, &c.

‖ Or, *of.* ¶ A song *or* psalm ‖ for the sons of Korah, to the chief musician upon Mahalath ‖ Leannoth, ‖ Maschil of * Heman the Ezrahite.

‖ That is, *To humble.* ‖ Or, *A psalm of Heman the Ezrahite, giving instruction.* * 1 Kings 4. 31. † Chr. 2. 6. O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee.

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go
a Ps. 31. 12. down into the pit; [a] I am as a man *that hath* no strength.

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are
‖ Or, *by thy hand.* cut off ‖ from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
b Ps. 42. 7. and [b] thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

8 [c] Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.
c Job 19. 13. Psal. 31. 11. & 142. 4.

9 [d] Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee; [e] I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
d Ps. 38. 10.
e Job 11. 13. Psal. 143. 6.

10 [f] Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.
f Psal. 6. 5. & 30. 9. & 115. 17. & 118. 17. Isa. 38. 18.

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 [g] Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? [h] and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
g Job 10. 21. Ps. 143. 3.
h Ps. 31. 12.

13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and [i] in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
i Psal. 5. 3.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* [k] I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
k Job 6. 4.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me ‖ daily like water; they compassed me about together.
‖ Or, *all the day.*

18 [l] Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.
l Ps. 31. 11. & 38. 11.

PSALM LXXXIX.

1 *The psalmist praiseth God for his covenanted mercies to David,* 5 *for his mighty power,* 15 *for the care of his church,* 19 *and for his favour to the kingdom of David:* 38 *then, complaining of contrary events,* 46 *he expostulateth, prayeth, and blesseth God.*

¶ ‖ Maschil of * Ethan the Ezrahite.

‖ Or, *A psalm for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give instruction.* * 1 Kings 4. 31. † Chr. 2. 6. † Heb. *to generation and generation:* So Ver. 4. I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness † to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever; [a] thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
a Ps. 119. 89.

3 [b] I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have [c] sworn unto David my servant,
b 1 Kings 8. 16.
c 2 Sam. 7. 11, &c.

4 [d] Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne [e] to all generations. Selah.
d Verses 29, 36.
e See Ver. 1.

5 And [f] the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
f Ps. 19. 1.

6 [g] For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
g Psal. 40. 5. & 71. 19. & 86. 8. & 113. 5.

7 [h] God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 [i] Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 [k] Thou hast broken ‖ Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies † with thy strong arm.

11 [l] The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast † a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

14 [m] Justice and judgment *are* the ‖ habitation of thy throne: [n] mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed *is* the people that know the [o] joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength; [p] and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For ‖ the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

20 [q] I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 [r] With whom my hand shall be established; mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 [s] The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 [t] And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But [u] my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him; and [x] in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 [y] I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him [z] *my* first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 [a] My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 [b] His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, [c] and his throne [d] as the days of heaven.

30 [e] If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they † break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then [f] will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 [g] Nevertheless my loving-kindness † will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness † to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing *that is* gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn [h] by my holiness, † that I will not lie unto David.

36 [i] His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne [k] as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant; [l] thou hast profaned his crown, *by casting it* to the ground.

40 [m] Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his † glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

46 [n] How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? [o] shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 [p] Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 [q] What man *is he that* liveth, and shall not [r] see death? shall he

h Ps. 76. 11.
i Ps. 65. 7.
k Exod. 14. 26. Psal. 87. 4. Isa. 30. 7.
‖ Or, *Egypt.*
† Heb. *with the arm of thy strength.*
l Gen. 1. 1. Psal. 24. 1. & 50. 12.
† Heb. *an arm with might.*
m Ps. 97. 2.
‖ Or, *establishment.*
n Ps. 85. 13.
o Num. 10. 10. & 23. 21.
p Ver. 24. Ps. 75. 10. & 132. 17.
‖ Or, *our shield* is *of the LORD, and our king* is *of the Holy One of Israel,* Psal. 47. 9.
q 1 Sam. 16. 1, 12.
r Ps. 80. 17.
s 2 Sam. 7. 10.
t 2 Sam. 7. 9.
u Ps. 61. 7.
x Ver. 17.
y Ps. 72. 8. & 80. 11.
z Psal. 2. 7.
a Isa. 55. 3.
b Ver. 4, 36.
c Isa. 9. 7. Jer. 33. 17.
d Deuter. 11. 21.
e 2 Sam. 7. 14.
† Heb. *profane my statutes.*
f 2 Sam. 7. 14.
g 2 Sam. 7. 15.
† Heb. *I will not make void for him.*
† Heb. *to lie.*
h Amos 4. 2.
† Heb. *if I lie.*
i 2 Sam. 7. 16. Luke 1. 33. John 12. 34. Ver. 4, 29.
k Ps. 72. 5; 17.
l Ps. 74. 7.
m Ps. 80. 12.
† Heb. *brightness.*
n Ps. 79. 5.
o Ps. 78. 63.
p Ps. 39. 5. & 119. 84.
q Ps. 49. 9.
r Hebr. 11. 5.

deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

49 LORD, where *are* thy former loving-kindnesses, *which* thou [s]swarest unto David [t]in thy truth?

50 Remember, LORD, the reproach of thy servants; [u]*how* I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty people;

51 [x] Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM XC.

1 *Moses, setting forth God's providence,* 3 *complaineth of human frailty,* 10 *and brevity of life:* 12 *he prayeth for the knowledge and sensible experience of God's good providence.*

¶ Or, *A prayer, being a psalm of Moses.*

¶ A prayer *of Moses the man of God.

LORD, [a] thou hast been our dwelling-place † in all generations.

2 [b] Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, [c] Return, ye children of men.

4 [d] For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday || when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; [e] they are *as* a sleep: in the morning [f] *they are* like grass *which* || groweth up.

6 [g] In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 [h] Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our [i] secret *sins* in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are † passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years || as a tale *that is told.*

10 † The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath.

12 [k] So teach *us* to number our days, that we may † apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and* the years *wherein* we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 [l] And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

1 *The state of the godly:* 3 *their safety:* 9 *their habitation:* 11 *their servants:* 14 *their friends; with the effects of them all.*

HE [a] that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall † abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 [b] I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge, and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely [c] he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 [d] He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 [e] Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only [f] with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, [g] thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 [h] For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, [i] lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and || adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

s 2 Sam. 7. 15. Isa. 55. 3.
t Ps. 54. 5.
u Ps. 69. 9.
x Ps. 74. 22.
a Deuter. 33. 27. Ezek. 11. 16.
† Heb. *in generation and generation.*
b Prov. 8. 25.
c Gen. 3. 19. Eccles. 12. 7.
d Eccles. 18. 10. 2 Pet. 3. 8.
¶ Or, *when he hath passed* them.
e Ps. 73. 20.
f Ps. 103. 15. Isa. 40. 6.
|| Or, *is changed.*
g Ps. 92. 7.
h Ps. 50. 21.
i Ps. 19. 12.
† Heb. *turned away.*
|| Or, *as a meditation.*
† Heb. As for *the days of our years, in them* are *seventy years.*
k Ps. 39. 4.
† Heb. *cause to come.*
l Ps. 27. 4.
a Ps. 27. 5.
† Heb. *lodge.*
b Ps. 142. 5.
c Ps. 121. 7.
d Ps. 17. 8. & 57. 1. & 61. 4.
e Job 5. 19, &c. Ps. 121. 6. Prov. 3. 23. Isa. 13. 2.
f Ps. 37. 34.
g Ps. 90. 1.
h Ps. 34. 7. & 71. 3. Mat. 4. 6. Luke 4. 10.
i Job 5. 23. Ps. 37. 24.
|| Or, *asp.*

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Ps. 50. 15. 15 [k] He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

† Heb. *length of days.* 16 With † long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to praise God,* 4 *for his great works,* 6 *for his judgments on the wicked,* 10 *and for his goodness to the godly:* 12 *their felicity described,* &c.

¶ A psalm *or* song for the sabbath-day.

a Ps. 147. 1. IT *is a* [a] good *thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness † every night,

† Heb. *in the nights.* 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; ‖ upon the harp with † a solemn sound.

‖ Or, *upon the solemn sound with the harp.* † Heb. *Higgaion.* 4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

b Ps. 40. 5. & 139. 17. c Isa. 28. 29. Rom. 11. 34. 5 [b] O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* [c] thy thoughts are very deep.

d Ps. 94. 8. 6 [d] A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

e Job 12. 6. & 21. 7. Jer. 12. 1, 2. Mal. 3. 15. 7 When [e] the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever.

f Ps. 56. 2. 8 [f] But thou, LORD, *art most* High for evermore,

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

g Psal. 89. 17, 24. 10 But [g] my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

h Ps. 54. 7. & 59. 10. & 112. 8. 11 [h] Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies; *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

i Isa. 65. 22. Hos. 14. 5. 12 [i] The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

† Heb. *green.* 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and † flourishing;

k Deuter. 32. 4. l Rom. 9. 14. 15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: [k] *he is* my rock, and [l] *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

The majesty, stability, power, and holiness of Christ's kingdom.

a Ps. 96. 10. & 97. 1. & 99. 1. Isa. 52. 7. THE [a] LORD reigneth; [b] he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, [c] *wherewith* he hath girded himself: [d] the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

b Ps. 104. 1. c Ps. 65. 6. d Ps. 96. 10.

e Ps. 45. 6. Prov. 8. 22, &c. 2 [e] Thy throne *is* established † of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

† Heb. *from then.* 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, † for ever.

† Heb. *to length of days.*

PSALM XCIV.

1 *The prophet, calling for justice, complaineth of the tyranny and impiety of the wicked:* 8 *he sheweth God's providence;* 12 *and teacheth the blessedness of affliction.* 16 *God is the defender of the afflicted.*

† Heb. *God of revenges.* a Deuter. 32. 35. Nah. 1. 2. † Heb. *shine forth,* Psal. 80. 1. b Psal. 7. 6. c Genes. 18. 25. O LORD † God, [a] to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, † shew thyself.

2 [b] Lift up thyself, thou [c] Judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

d Ps. 31. 18. Jude 15. 4 *How long* shall they [d] utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage:

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

e Ps. 10. 11, 15. & 59. 7. 7 [e] Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

f Ps. 73. 22. & 92. 6. 8 [f] Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

gExod. 4. 11. Prov. 20. 12. 9 [g] He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

h1Cor. 3. 20. 11 [h] The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

i 1 Cor. 11. 32. Hebr. 12. 5, &c. 12 [i] Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

k 1 Sam. 12. 22. Rom. 11. 1, 2.

14 [k] For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness; and all the upright in heart † shall follow it.

† Heb. shall be *after it.*

16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had ‖ almost dwelt in silence.

‖ Or, *quickly.*

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

l Amos 6. 3.

20 Shall [l] the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which

m Ps. 58. 2. Isa. 10. 1.

[m] frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

n Ps. 7. 16.

23 And [n] he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea,* the LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM XCV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God,* 3 *for his greatness,* 6 *and for his goodness,* 8 *and not to tempt him, as Israel did.*

a Ps. 100. 1.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; [a] let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

† Heb. *prevent his face.*

2 Let us † come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

b Ps. 96. 4. & 97. 9. & 135. 5.

3 For [b] the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

† Heb. *In whose.* ‖ Or, *the heights of the hills* are *his.*

4 † In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth; ‖ the strength of the hills *is* his also.

† Heb. *Whose the sea* is.

5 † The sea *is* his, and he made it; and his hands formed the dry *land.*

6 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

c Ps. 79. 13. & 80. 1. & 100. 3.

7 For he *is* our God; and [c] we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. [d] To-day, if ye will

d Hebr. 3. 7. & 4. 7.

hear his voice,

e Exod. 17. 2, 7. Numb. 14. 22, &c. & 20. 13. Deut. 6. 16.

8 Harden not your heart, [e] as in the † provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

† Heb. *contention.*

f Ps. 78. 18, 40, 56.

9 When [f] your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

1 Cor. 10. 9.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways;

† Heb. *if they enter into my rest.*

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath, † that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

1 *An exhortation to praise God,* 4 *for his greatness,* 8 *for his kingdom,* 11 *and for his general judgment.*

a 1 Chron. 16. 23. Psal. 33. 3.

O [a] SING unto the LORD a new song; sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

b Ps. 145. 3.

4 For [b] the LORD *is* great, and

c Ps. 18. 3.

[c] greatly to be praised: [d] he *is* to be

d Ps. 95. 3.

feared above all gods.

e See Jer. 10. 11, 12.

5 For [e] all the gods of the nations *are* idols: [f] but the LORD made the

f Ps. 115. 15.

heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him; strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

g Psal. 29. 1, 2.

8 [g] Give unto the LORD the glory † *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

† Heb. *of his name.*

h Ps. 29. 2. & 110. 3.

9 O worship the LORD [h] ‖ in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

‖ Or, *in the glorious sanctuary.*

10 Say among the heathen, *that* [i] the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established, that it shall not be moved: [k] he shall judge the people righteously.

i Ps. 93. 1. & 97. 1.

k Ps. 98. 9.

l Ps. 69. 34.

11 [l] Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; [m] let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

m Psalm 98. 7, &c.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: [n] he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

n Ps. 67. 4. Rev. 19. 11.

PSALM XCVII.

1 *The majesty of God's kingdom.* 8 *The church rejoiceth at God's judgments upon idolaters.* 10 *An exhortation to godliness and gladness.*

a Ps. 96. 10.

THE [a] LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the † multitude of isles be glad *thereof.*

† Heb. *many,* or, *great isles.*

b 1 Kings 8. 12. Ps. 18. 11.

2 [b] Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: [c] righteousness and judgment *are* the ‖ habitation of his throne.

c Ps. 89. 14.

‖ Or, *establishment.*

d Dan. 7. 10.

3 [d] A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 [e] His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.
5 [f] The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.
6 [g] The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.
7 [h] Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: [i] worship him, all *ye* gods.
8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of thy judgments, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth; [k] thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 Ye that love the LORD, [l] hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 [m] Light *is* sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.
12 [n] Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; [o] and give thanks || at the remembrance of his holiness.

e Ps. 77. 18. & 104. 32.
f Judg. 5. 5. Mic. 1. 4. Nah. 1. 5.
g Ps. 19. 1. & 50. 6.
h Exod. 20. 4. Lev. 26. 1. Deut. 5. 8.
i Hebr. 1. 6.
k Ps. 95. 3. & 96. 4.
l Ps. 34. 14. & 101. 3. Amos 5. 15. Rom. 12. 9.
m Ps. 112. 4.
n Ps. 33. 1.
o Ps. 30. 4.
|| Or, *to the memorial.*

PSALM XCVIII.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth the Jews, 4 the Gentiles, 7 and all the creatures, to praise God.*

¶ A psalm.

O [a] SING unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: [b] his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.
2 [c] The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he || openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
6 With trumpets, and sound of cornet, make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.
7 [d] Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein:
8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together
9 Before the LORD: [e] for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

a Ps. 33. 3. & 96. 1. Isa. 42. 10.
b Isa. 59. 16. & 63. 5.
c Isa. 52. 10.
|| Or, *revealed.*
d Psal. 96. 11, &c.
e Psal. 96. 10, 13.

PSALM XCIX.

1 *The prophet, setting forth the kingdom of God in Zion, 5 exhorteth all, by the example of their forefathers, to worship God at his holy hill.*

THE [a] LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: [b] he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth † be moved.
2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all people.
3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy.
4 [c] The king's strength also loveth judgment: thou dost establish equity; thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.
5 [d] Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at [e] his footstool; *for* || he *is* holy.
6 [f] Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
7 [g] He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: [h] thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou [i] tookest vengeance of their inventions.
9 [k] Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill: for the LORD our God *is* holy.

a Ps. 93. 1.
b Exod. 25. 22. Psal. 18. 10. & 80. 1.
† Heb. *stagger.*
c Job 36. 5.
d Verse 9.
e 1 Chron. 28. 2.
|| Or, *it is holy.*
f Jer. 15. 1.
g Exod. 33. 9.
h Numb. 14. 20. Jer. 46. 28. Zeph. 3. 7.
i See Exod. 32. 2, &c. Numb. 20. 12, 24. Deut. 9. 20.
k Verse 5.

PSALM C.

1 *An exhortation to praise God cheerfully, 3 for his greatness, 4 and for his truth.*

¶ * A psalm of || praise.

MAKE [a] a joyful noise unto the LORD, † all ye lands.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.
3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: [b] *it is* he *that* hath made us, || and not we ourselves: [c] *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 [d] Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
5 For the LORD *is* good; [e] his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* † to all generations.

* Ps. 145. title.
|| Or, *thanksgiving.*
a Ps. 95. 1.
† Heb. *all the earth.*
b Psal. 119. 73. & 139. 13, &c. & 149. 2. Eph. 2. 10.
|| Or, *and his we are.*
c Ps. 95. 7. Ezek. 34. 30, 31.
d Ps. 66. 13.
e Psal. 136. 1, &c.
† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

PSALM CI.

1 *David maketh a vow and profession of godliness: 5 his manner with the wicked,* &c.

¶ A psalm of David.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou

come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

† Heb. *thing of Belial.*
a Ps. 97. 10.
b Ps. 125. 5.

3 I will set no † wicked thing before mine eyes: [a] I hate the work of them [b] that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me; I will not know a wicked *person.*

c Ps. 18. 27. Prov. 6. 17.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: [c] him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh || in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

|| Or, *perfect in the way.*

† Heb. *shall not be stablished.*
d Ps. 75. 10. Jer. 21. 12.
e Psal. 48. 2, 8.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies † shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will [d] early destroy all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all wicked doers [e] from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

1 *The prophet in his prayer maketh a grievous complaint:* 12 *he taketh comfort in the eternity and mercy of God.* 18 *The mercies of God are worthy to be recorded.* 33 *The prophet sustaineth his weakness by the unchangeable nature of God.*

|| Or, *for.*

¶ A prayer || of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

a Ps. 27. 9. & 69. 17.

2 [a] Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call, answer me speedily.

b Jam. 4. 14.
|| Or, (as some read) *into smoke.*
c Job 30. 30.

3 [b] For my days are consumed || like smoke, and [c] my bones are burned as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

d Job 19. 20. Lam. 4. 8.
|| Or, *flesh.*
e Job 30. 29.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning [d] my bones cleave to my || skin.

6 [e] I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

f Ps. 42. 3. & 80. 5.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and [f] mingled my drink with weeping,

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 [g] My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and [h] I am withered like grass.

g Psal. 109. 23. & 144. 4. Eccl. 6. 12.
h Isa. 40. 6, &c. Jam. 1. 10.

12 But [i] thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, and [k] thy remembrance unto all generations.

i Lam. 5. 19.
k Psalm 135. 13.

13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in [l] her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

l Ps. 79. 1.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and [m] the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

m Ps. 22. 31. Isa. 43. 21.

19 For [n] he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

n Ps. 14. 2. & 33. 13.

20 [o] To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose † those that are appointed to death;

o Ps. 79. 11.
† Heb. *the children of death.*

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He † weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

† Heb. *afflicted.*

24 [p] I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

p Isa. 38. 10.

25 [q] Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

q Hebr. 1. 10.

26 [r] They shall perish, but thou shalt † endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

r Isa. 51. 6. & 65. 17. & 66. 22. Rom. 8. 20. 2 Pet. 3. 7, 10, 11.
† Heb. *stand.*

27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 [s] The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

s Ps. 69. 36.

PSALM CIII.

1 *An exhortation to bless God for his mercy,* 15 *and for the constancy thereof.*

¶ *A psalm* of David.

BLESS [a] the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

a Ps. 104. 1. & 146. 1.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

b Ps. 130. 8. Mat. 9. 2, 6. Mark 2. 11. Luke 7. 47.
3 [b] Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

c Ps. 5. 12.
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; [c] who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

d Isa. 40. 31.
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things; so that* [d] thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

e Ps. 146. 7.
6 [e] The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all *that are* oppressed.

f Ps. 147. 19.
7 [f] He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

g Exod. 34. 6, 7. Numb. 14. 18. Deut. 5. 10. Neh. 9. 17. Ps. 86. 15. Jer. 32. 18.
8 [g] The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and † plenteous in mercy.

† Heb. *great of mercy.*
9 [h] He will not always chide; neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

h Ps. 50. 5. Isa. 57. 16. Jer. 3. 5. Mic. 7. 18.
10 [i] He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

i Ezra 9. 13.
k Eph. 3. 18.
† Heb. *according to the height of the heaven.*
11 [k] For † as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

l Mal. 3. 17.
13 [l] Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

m Ps. 78. 39.
14 For he knoweth our frame; [m] he remembereth that we *are* dust.

n Ps. 90. 5.
o Job 14. 1, 2. James 1. 10, 11.
15 *As for* man, [n] his days *are* as grass; [o] as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:

† Heb. *it is not.*
16 For the wind passeth over it, and † it is gone; and [p] the place thereof shall know it no more.

p Job 7. 10. & 20. 9.
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness [q] unto children's children;

q Exod. 20. 6.
r Deut. 7. 9.
18 [r] To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

s Ps. 148. 2.
† Heb. *mighty in strength:* See Psalm 78. 25.
20 [s] Bless the LORD, ye his angels, † that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

t Dan. 7. 9, 10. Hebr. 1. 14.
21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; [t] *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

1 *A meditation upon the majesty, power, and wonderful providence of God.* 31 *God's glory is eternal.* 33 *The prophet voweth to praise God perpetually.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; [a] thou art clothed with honour and majesty:

a Ps. 93. 1.
b Dan. 7. 9.
c Is. 40. 22. & 45. 12.
2 [b] Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment; [c] who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;

d Amos 9. 6.
e Isa. 19. 1.
f Ps. 18. 10.
3 [d] Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; [e] who maketh the clouds his chariot; [f] who walketh upon the wings of the wind;

g Hebr. 1. 7.
4 [g] Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire;

† Heb. *He hath founded the earth upon her bases.*
5 † [h] *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

h Job 26. 7. & 38. 4. Psal. 24. 2. & 136. 6.
i Gen. 7. 19.
k Gen. 8. 1.
6 [i] Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 [k] At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

‖ Or, *The mountains ascend, the valleys descend.*
8 ‖ They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

l Ps. 33. 7. Jer. 5. 22.
m Gen. 9. 11, 15.
9 [l] Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; [m] that they turn not again to cover the earth.

† Heb. *Who sendeth.*
† Heb. *walk.*
10 † He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* † run among the hills.

† Heb. *break.*
11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses † quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* † sing among the branches.

† Heb. *give a voice.*
n Ps. 147. 8.
o Ps. 65. 9.
13 [n] He watereth the hills from his chambers: [o] the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

p Gen. 1. 29, 30. & 3. 18. & 9. 3.
14 [p] He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth,

q Jud. 9. 13. Psal. 23. 5. Prov. 31. 6, 7.
† Heb. *to make* his *face shine with oil,* or, *more than oil.*
r Numb. 24. 6.
15 And [q] wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* † oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full *of sap;* the cedars of Lebanon, [r] which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir-trees *are* her house.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats, *and* the rocks for the conies.

19 [s] He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.

20 [t] Thou makest darkness, and it is night, wherein † all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.

21 [u] The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

24 [x] O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches;

25 *So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships; *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast † made to play therein.

27 [y] These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.

28 *That* thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: [z] thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30 [a] Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD † shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; [b] he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 [c] I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

1 *An exhortation to praise God, to seek him, and remember his works.* 8 *The history of God's providence over Abraham,* 16 *over Joseph,* 23 *over Israel in Egypt,* 26 *over Moses delivering the Israelites,* 37 *over the Israelites brought out of Egypt, fed in the wilderness, and planted in Canaan.*

O [a] GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength; seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgments *are* in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations:

9 [b] Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant;

11 Saying, [c] Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, † the lot of your inheritance:

12 [d] When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and [e] strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people,

14 [f] He suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, [g] he reproved kings for their sakes;

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, [h] he called for a famine upon the land; he brake the whole [i] staff of bread.

17 [k] He sent a man before them, [l] *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant;

18 [m] Whose feet they hurt with fetters: † he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

20 [n] The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 [o] He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his † substance;

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, and teach his senators wisdom.

23 [p] Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned [q] in the land of Ham.

24 And [r] he increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 [s] He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilely with his servants.

26 [t] He sent Moses his servant, *and* Aaron whom he had chosen.

s Gen. 1. 14.
t Isa. 45. 7.
† Heb. *all the beasts thereof do trample on the forest.*
u Job 38. 39. Joel 1. 20.
x Prov. 3. 19.
† Heb. *formed.*
y Ps. 136. 25. & 145. 15. & 147. 9.
z Job 34. 14, 15. Ps. 146. 4. Eccles. 12. 7.
a Isa. 32. 15. Ezek. 37. 9.
† Heb. *shall be.*
b Ps. 144. 5.
c Ps. 63. 4. & 146. 2.
a 1 Chron. 16. 8, &c. Isa. 12. 4.
b Gen. 17. 2. & 22. 16, &c. & 26. 3. & 28. 13. & 35. 11. Luke 1. 73. Hebr. 6. 17.
c Genes. 13. 15. & 15. 18.
† Heb. *the cord.*
d Genes. 34. 30. Deut. 7. 7. & 26. 5.
e Hebr. 11. 9.
f Gen. 35. 5.
g Gen. 12. 17. & 20. 3, 7.
h Genes. 41. 54.
i Levit. 26. 26. Isaiah 3. 1. Ezek. 4. 16.
k Gen. 45. 5. & 50. 20.
l Gen. 37. 28.
m Gen. 39. 20. & 40. 15.
† Heb. *his soul came into iron.*
n Genes. 41. 14.
o Genes. 41. 40.
† Heb. *possession.*
p Gen. 46. 6.
q Ps. 78. 51. & 106. 22.
r Exod. 1. 7.
s Exod. 1. 8, &c.
t Exod. 3. 10. & 4. 12, 14.

27 [u] They shewed † his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 [x] He sent darkness, and made it dark; and [y] they rebelled not against his word.

29 [z] He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 [a] Their land brought forth frogs in abundance in the chambers of their kings.

31 [b] He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.

32 [c] † He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.

33 [d] He smote their vines also and their fig-trees, and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 [e] He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 [f] He smote also all the first-born in their land, [g] the chief of all their strength.

37 [h] He brought them forth also with silver and gold; and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

38 [i] Egypt was glad when they departed; for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 [k] He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the night.

40 [l] *The people* asked, and he brought quails, and [m] satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 [n] He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For he remembered [o] his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with † gladness;

44 [p] And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;

45 [q] That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. † Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVI.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth to praise God: 4 he prayeth to share in his people's joy: 7 he rehearseth Israel's rebellions and God's mercies: 47 he concludeth with prayer and a blessing.*

† PRAISE ye the LORD. [a] O [b] give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 [c] Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 [d] We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; [e] but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, [f] that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 [g] He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so [h] he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 [i] And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left.

12 [k] Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 [l] † They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel;

14 [m] But † lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 [n] And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 [o] They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 [p] The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 [q] And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burnt up the wicked.

19 [r] They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus [s] they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in [t] the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

u Exod. 7. & 8. & 9, &c. Psal. 78. 43, &c.
† Heb. *words of his signs.*
x Exod. 10. 22.
y Ps. 99. 7.
z Exod. 7. 20.
a Exod. 8. 6.
b Exod. 8. 17, 24.
c Exod. 9. 23. † Heb. *He gave their rain hail.*
d Ps. 78. 47.
e Exod. 10. 4, 13.
f Exod. 12. 29. Psal. 78. 51.
g Gen. 49. 3.
h Exod. 12. 35.
i Exod. 12. 33.
k Exod. 13. 21.
l Exod. 16. 12, &c.
m Psal. 78. 24, 25.
n Exod. 17. 6. Numb. 20. 11. Psal. 78. 16. 1 Cor. 10. 4.
o Genes. 15. 14.
† Heb. *singing.*
p Deuter. 6. 10, 11. Josh. 13. 7.
q Deuter. 4. 1, 40. & 6. 21—25.
† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
a 1 Chron. 16. 34.
b Ps. 107. 1. & 118. 1. & 136. 1.
c Psalm 119. 132.
d 1 Kings 8. 47. Dan. 9. 5.
e Exod. 14. 11, 12.
f Exod. 9. 16.
g Exod. 14. 21. Psal. 18. 15.
h Isa. 63. 11, 12, 13.
i Exod. 14. 27. & 15. 5.
k Exod. 14. 31. & 15. 1.
l Exod. 15. 24. & 17. 2.
† Heb. *They made haste, they forgat.*
m Num. 11. 4, 33.
Psal. 78. 18. 1 Cor. 10. 6.
† Heb. *lusted a lust.*
n Numb. 11. 31.
o Num. 16. 1, &c.
p Numb. 16. 31. Deut. 11. 6.
q Num. 16. 35, 46.
r Exod. 32. 4.
s Jer. 2. 11. Rom. 1. 23.
t Psal. 78. 51. & 105. 23, 27.

23 [u] Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen [x] stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised [y] † the pleasant land; they believed not his word;

25 [z] But murmured in their tents, *and* hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 [a] Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 † [b] To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 [c] They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions; and the plague brake in upon them.

30 [d] Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment; and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 [e] They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 [f] Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 [g] They did not destroy the nations, [h] concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 [i] But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols; [k] which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, [l] they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and [m] the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and [n] went a whoring with their own inventions:

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 [o] Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were ‖ brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when [p] he heard their cry:

45 [q] And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 [r] He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 [s] Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. † Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

1 *The psalmist exhorteth God's redeemed to praise his goodness, to observe his manifold providence,*
4 *over travellers,* 10 *over captives,*
17 *over sick men,* 23 *over seamen,*
33 *and in divers varieties of life.*

O [a] GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so,* whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and † from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 [b] Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 [c] Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, *being* [d] bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned [e] the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour: they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

13 [f] Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

u Exod. 32. 10, 11, 32. Deut. 9. 19. & 10. 10.
x Ezek. 13. 5. & 22. 30.
y Jer. 3. 19. † Heb. *a land of desire.*
z Numb. 14. 2, 27.
a Exod. 16. 8. Numb. 11. 33. Ps. 95. 11. Ezek. 20. 15.
† Heb. *To make them fall.*
b Ps. 44. 11. Ezek. 20. 23.
c Num. 25. 2, 3. & 31. 16. Deut. 32. 17. Hos. 9. 10. Wisd. 14. 15. Rev. 2. 14.
d Numb. 25. 7.
e Numb. 20. 3, 13. Deut. 3. 26.
f Numb. 20. 10.
g Judges 1. 21, 27.
h Deut. 7. 2.
i Judg. 2. 2. & 3. 5, 6. Isaiah 2. 6.
k Exod. 23. 33. Deut. 7. 16.
l 2 Kings 16. 3. Isa. 57. 5. Ezek. 16. 20. & 20. 26. 1Cor. 10. 20.
m Numb. 35. 33.
n Lev. 17. 7. Numb. 15. 39.
o Judges 2. 16.
‖ Or, *impoverished,* or, *weakened.*
p Judg. 3. 9. & 4. 3. & 6. 7. & 10. 10.
q Levit. 26. 41, 42. Deuter. 30. 1, &c.
r Ezra 9. 9. Jer. 42. 12.
s 1 Chron. 16. 35, 36.
† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
a Ps. 106. 1. & 118. 1. & 136. 1.
† Heb. *from the sea.*
b Verse 13, 19, 28. Hos. 5. 15.
c Verses 15, 21, 31.
d Job 36. 8.
e Ps. 73. 24. & 119. 24.
f Verses 6, 19, 28.

14 [g] He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 [h] Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted:

18 [i] Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they [k] draw near unto the gates of death.

19 [l] Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 [m] He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

21 [n] Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And [o] let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with †rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and †raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; [p] their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and †are at their wit's end.

28 [q] Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 [r] He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 [s] Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into †barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 [t] He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs:

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 [u] He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again they are minished, and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 [x] He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the ‖ wilderness, *where there is* no way.

41 [y] Yet setteth he the poor on high ‖ from affliction, and [z] maketh *him* families like a flock.

42 [a] The righteous shall see *it*, and rejoice; and all [b] iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 [c] Whoso *is* wise, and will observe these *things*, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

1 *David encourageth himself to praise God: 5 he prayeth for God's assistance according to his promise:* 11 *his confidence in God's help.*

¶ A song *or* psalm of David.

O [a] GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 [b] Awake, psaltery and harp; I *myself* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens, and thy truth *reacheth* unto the ‖ clouds.

5 [c] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth;

6 [d] That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine; Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

9 Moab *is* my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 [e] Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

g Ps. 68. 6. & 146. 7.
h Verses 8, 21, 31.
i Job 33. 20.
k Ps. 9. 13. & 88. 3.
l Verses 6, 13, 28.
m Ps. 147. 15, 18. Mat. 8. 8.
n Verses 8, 15, 31.
o Lev. 7. 12. Ps. 50. 14. Hebr. 13. 15.
† Heb. *singing.*
† Heb. *maketh to stand.*
p Ps. 22. 14. & 119. 28. Nah. 2. 10.
† Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up.*
q Verses 6, 13, 19.
r Matth. 8. 26.
s Verses 8, 15, 21.
† Heb. *saltness.*
t Ps. 114. 8. Isa. 41. 18.
u Exod. 1. 7.
x Job 12. 21, 24.
‖ Or, *void place.*
‖ Or, *after.*
y 1 Sam. 2. 8. Ps. 113. 7, 8.
z Ps. 78. 52.
a Job 22. 19.
b Job 5. 16. Prov. 10. 11.
c Ps. 64. 9. Jer. 9. 12. Hos. 14. 9.
a Ps. 57. 7.
b Ps. 57. 8, *&c.*
‖ Or, *skies.*
c Psal. 57. 5, 11.
d Psal. 60. 5, *&c.*
e Ps. 60. 9.

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PSALM I.

1 THAT man hath perfect blessedness
who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men,
nor stands in sinners' way,
Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair:
2 But placeth his delight
Upon God's law, and meditates
on his law day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree that grows
near planted by a river,
Which in his season yields his fruit,
and his leaf fadeth never:
And all he doth shall prosper well.
4 The wicked are not so;
But like they are unto the chaff,
which wind drives to and fro.

5 In judgment therefore shall not stand
such as ungodly are;
Nor in th' assembly of the just
shall wicked men appear.
6 For why? the way of godly men
unto the Lord is known:
Whereas the way of wicked men
shall quite be overthrown.

PSALM II.

1 WHY rage the heathen? and vain
who do the people mind? [things
2 Kings of the earth do set themselves,
and princes are combin'd,
To plot against the Lord, and his
Anointed, saying thus,
3 Let us asunder break their bands,
and cast their cords from us.

4 He that in heaven sits shall laugh;
the Lord shall scorn them all.
5 Then shall he speak to them in wrath,
in rage he vex them shall.
6 Yet, notwithstanding, I have him
to be my King appointed;
And over Sion, my holy hill,
I have him King anointed.

7 The sure decree I will declare;
the Lord hath said to me,
Thou art mine only Son; this day
I have begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and for heritage
the heathen I'll make thine;
And, for possession, I to thee
will give earth's utmost line.

9 Thou shalt, as with a weighty rod
of iron, break them all;
And, as a potter's sherd, thou shalt
them dash in pieces small.
10 Now therefore, kings, be wise; be
ye judges of the earth: [taught,
11 Serve God in fear, and see that ye
join trembling with your mirth.
12 Kiss ye the Son, lest in his ire
ye perish from the way,
If once his wrath begin to burn:
bless'd all that on him stay.

PSALM III.

1 O LORD, how are my foes increas'd?
against me many rise.
2 Many say of my soul, For him
in God no succour lies.
3 Yet thou my shield and glory art,
th' uplifter of mine head.
4 I cry'd, and, from his holy hill,
the Lord me answer made.

5 I laid me down and slept, I wak'd;
for God sustained me.
6 I will not fear though thousands ten
set round against me be.
7 Arise, O Lord; save me, my God;
for thou my foes hast stroke
All on the cheek-bone, and the teeth
of wicked men hast broke.

8 Salvation doth appertain
unto the Lord alone:
Thy blessing, Lord, for evermore
thy people is upon.

PSALM IV.

1 GIVE ear unto me when I call,
God of my righteousness:
Have mercy, hear my pray'r; thou hast
enlarg'd me in distress.
2 O ye the sons of men! how long
will ye love vanities?
How long my glory turn to shame,
and will ye follow lies?

3 But know, that for himself the Lord
the godly man doth chuse:
The Lord, when I on him do call,
to hear will not refuse.
4 Fear, and sin not; talk with your heart
on bed, and silent be.
5 Off'rings present of righteousness,
and in the Lord trust ye.

6 O who will shew us any good?
is that which many say:
But of thy countenance the light,
Lord, lift on us alway.
7 Upon my heart, bestow'd by thee,
more gladness I have found
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and
did most with them abound. [wine

8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and quiet sleep will take;
Because thou only me to dwell
in safety, Lord, dost make.

PSALM V.

1 GIVE ear unto my words, O Lord,
my meditation weigh.
2 Hear my loud cry, my King, my God;
for I to thee will pray.

3 Lord, thou shalt early hear my voice:
I early will direct
My pray'r to thee; and, looking up,
an answer will expect.
4 For thou art not a God that doth
in wickedness delight;
Neither shall evil dwell with thee,
5 Nor fools stand in thy sight.
All that ill-doers are thou hat'st;
6 Cutt'st off that liars be:
The bloody and deceitful man
abhorred is by thee.
7 But I into thy house will come
in thine abundant grace;
And I will worship in thy fear
toward thy holy place.
8 Because of those mine enemies,
Lord, in thy righteousness
Do thou me lead; do thou thy way
make straight before my face.
9 For in their mouth there is no truth,
their inward part is ill;
Their throat's an open sepulchre,
their tongue doth flatter still.
10 O God, destroy them; let them be
by their own counsel quell'd:
Them for their many sins cast out,
for they 'gainst thee rebell'd.
11 But let all joy that trust in thee,
and still make shouting noise;
For them thou sav'st: let all that love
thy name in thee rejoice.
12 For, Lord, unto the righteous man
thou wilt thy blessing yield:
With favour thou wilt compass him
about, as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

1 LORD, in thy wrath rebuke me not;
Nor in thy hot rage chasten me.
2 Lord, pity me, for I am weak:
Heal me, for my bones vexed be.
3 My soul is also vexed sore;
But, Lord, how long stay wilt thou make?
4 Return, O Lord, my soul set free;
O save me, for thy mercies' sake.
5 Because those that deceased are
Of thee shall no remembrance have;
And who is he that will to thee
Give praises lying in the grave?
6 I with my groaning weary am,
I also all the night my bed
Have caused for to swim; and I
With tears my couch have watered.
7 Mine eye, consum'd with grief, grows old,
Because of all mine enemies.
8 Hence from me, wicked workers all;
For God hath heard my weeping cries.
9 God hath my supplication heard,
My pray'r received graciously.
10 Sham'd and sore vex'd be all my foes,
Sham'd and back turned suddenly.

Another of the same.

1 IN thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not;
Nor on me lay thy chast'ning hand
in thy displeasure hot.
2 Lord, I am weak, therefore on me
have mercy, and me spare:
Heal me, O Lord, because thou know'st
my bones much vexed are.
3 My soul is vexed sore: but, Lord,
how long stay wilt thou make?
4 Return, Lord, free my soul; and save
me, for thy mercies' sake.
5 Because of thee in death there shall
no more remembrance be:
Of those that in the grave do lie,
who shall give thanks to thee?
6 I with my groaning weary am,
and all the night my bed
I caused for to swim; with tears
my couch I watered.
7 By reason of my vexing grief
mine eye consumed is;
It waxeth old, because of all
that be mine enemies.
8 But now, depart from me all ye
that work iniquity:
For why? the Lord hath heard my voice,
when I did mourn and cry.
9 Unto my supplication
the Lord did hearing give:
When I to him my prayer make,
the Lord will it receive.
10 Let all be sham'd and troubled sore,
that en'mies are to me;
Let them turn back, and suddenly
ashamed let them be.

PSALM VII.

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I
my confidence repose:
Save and deliver me from all
my persecuting foes;
2 Lest that the enemy my soul
should, like a lion, tear,
In pieces rending it, while there
is no deliverer.
3 O Lord my God, if it be so
that I committed this;
If it be so that in my hands
iniquity there is:
4 If I rewarded ill to him
that was at peace with me;
(Yea, ev'n the man that without cause
my foe was I did free;)
5 Then let the foe pursue and take
my soul, and my life thrust
Down to the earth, and let him lay
mine honour in the dust.
6 Rise in thy wrath, Lord, raise thyself,
for my foes raging be;
And, to the judgment which thou hast
commanded, wake for me.

7 So shall th' assembly of thy folk
about encompass thee:
Thou, therefore, for their sakes, return
unto thy place on high.
8 The Lord he shall the people judge;
my judge, JEHOVAH, be,
After my righteousness, and mine
integrity in me.
9 O let the wicked's malice end;
but stablish stedfastly
The righteous: for the righteous God
the hearts and reins doth try.
10 In God, who saves th' upright in heart,
is my defence and stay.
11 God just men judgeth, God is wroth
with ill men ev'ry day.
12 If he do not return again,
then he his sword will whet;
His bow he hath already bent,
and hath it ready set:
13 He also hath for him prepar'd
the instruments of death;
Against the persecutors he
his shafts ordained hath.
14 Behold, he with iniquity
doth travail, as in birth;
A mischief he conceived hath,
and falsehood shall bring forth.
15 He made a pit, and digg'd it deep,
another there to take;
But he is fall'n into the ditch
which he himself did make.
16 Upon his own head his mischief
shall be returned home;
His vi'lent dealing also down
on his own pate shall come.
17 According to his righteousness
the Lord I'll magnify;
And will sing praise unto the name
of God that is most high.

PSALM VIII.

1 HOW excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!
Who hast thy glory far advanc'd
above the starry frame.
2 From infants' and from sucklings'
thou didest strength ordain, [mouth
For thy foes cause, that so thou might'st
th' avenging foe restrain.
3 When I look up unto the heav'ns,
which thine own fingers fram'd,
Unto the moon, and to the stars,
which were by thee ordain'd;
4 Then say I, What is man, that he
remember'd is by thee?
Or what the son of man, that thou
so kind to him should'st be?
5 For thou a little lower hast
him than the angels made;
With glory and with dignity
thou crowned hast his head.
6 Of thy hands' works thou mad'st him
all under's feet didst lay; [lord,
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and beasts
that in the field do stray;
8 Fowls of the air, fish of the sea,
all that pass through the same.
9 How excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!

PSALM IX.

1 LORD, thee I'll praise with all my
thy wonders all proclaim. [heart,
2 In thee, most High, I'll greatly joy,
and sing unto thy name.
3 When back my foes were turn'd, they
and perish'd at thy sight: [fell,
4 For thou maintain'dst my right and
on throne sat'st judging right. [cause;
5 The heathen thou rebuked hast,
the wicked overthrown;
Thou hast put out their names, that
may never more be known. [they
6 O en'my! now destructions have
an end perpetual:
Thou cities raz'd, perish'd with them
is their memorial.
7 God shall endure for aye; he doth
for judgment set his throne;
8 In righteousness to judge the world,
justice to give each one.
9 God also will a refuge be
for those that are oppress'd;
A refuge will he be in times
of trouble to distress'd.
10 And they that know thy name, in thee
their confidence will place:
For thou hast not forsaken them
that truly seek thy face.
11 O sing ye praises to the Lord
that dwells in Sion hill;
And all the nations among
his deeds record ye still.
12 When he enquireth after blood,
he then rememb'reth them:
The humble folk he not forgets
that call upon his name.
13 Lord, pity me; behold the grief
which I from foes sustain;
Ev'n thou, who from the gates of death
dost raise me up again;
14 That I, in Sion's daughters' gates,
may all thy praise advance;
And that I may rejoice always
in thy deliverance.
15 The heathen are sunk in the pit
which they themselves prepar'd;
And in the net which they have hid
their own feet fast are snar'd.
16 The Lord is by the judgment known
which he himself hath wrought:
The sinners' hands do make the snares
wherewith themselves are caught.

17 They who are wicked into hell
each one shall turned be;
And all the nations that forget
to seek the Lord most high.
18 For they that needy are shall not
forgotten be alway;
The expectation of the poor
shall not be lost for aye.
19 Arise, Lord, let not man prevail;
judge heathen in thy sight:
20 That they may know themselves but
the nations, Lord, affright. [men,

PSALM X.

1 WHEREFORE is it that thou, O [Lord,
dost stand from us afar?
And wherefore hidest thou thyself
when times so troublous are?
2 The wicked in his loftiness
doth persecute the poor:
In these devices they have fram'd
let them be taken sure.
3 The wicked of his heart's desire
doth talk with boasting great;
He blesseth him that's covetous,
whom yet the Lord doth hate.
4 The wicked, through his pride of face,
on God he doth not call;
And in the counsels of his heart
the Lord is not at all.
5 His ways they always grievous are;
thy judgments from his sight
Removed are: at all his foes
he puffeth with despight.
6 Within his heart he thus hath said,
I shall not moved be;
And no adversity at all
shall ever come to me.
7 His mouth with cursing, fraud, deceit,
is fill'd abundantly;
And underneath his tongue there is
mischief and vanity.
8 He closely sits in villages;
he slays the innocent:
Against the poor that pass him by
his cruel eyes are bent.
9 He, lion-like, lurks in his den;
he waits the poor to take;
And when he draws him in his net,
his prey he doth him make.
10 Himself he humbleth very low,
he croucheth down withal,
That so a multitude of poor
may by his strong ones fall.
11 He thus hath said within his heart,
The Lord h: th quite forgot;
He hides his countenance, and he
for ever sees it not.
12 O Lord, do thou arise; O God,
lift up thine hand on high:
Put not the meek afflicted ones
out of thy memory.
13 Why is it that the wicked man
thus doth the Lord despise?
Because that God will it require
he in his heart denies.
14 Thou hast it seen; for their mischief
and spite thou wilt repay:
The poor commits himself to thee;
thou art the orphan's stay.
15 The arm break of the wicked man,
and of the evil one;
Do thou seek out his wickedness,
until thou findest none.
16 The Lord is king through ages all,
ev'n to eternity;
The heathen people from his land
are perish'd utterly.
17 O Lord, of those that humble are
thou the desire didst hear;
Thou wilt prepare their heart, and thou
to hear wilt bend thine ear;
18 To judge the fatherless, and those
that are oppressed sore;
That man, that is but sprung of earth,
may them oppress no more.

PSALM XI.

1 IN the Lord do put my trust;
how is it then that ye
Say to my soul, Flee, as a bird,
unto your mountain high?
2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow,
their shafts on string they fit,
That those who upright are in heart
they privily may hit.
3 If the foundations be destroy'd,
what hath the righteous done?
4 God in his holy temple is,
in heaven is his throne:
His eyes do see, his eyelids try
5 men's sons. The just he proves:
But his soul hates the wicked man,
and him that vi'lence loves.
6 Snares, fire and brimstone, furious
on sinners he shall rain: [storms,
This, as the portion of their cup,
doth unto them pertain.
7 Because the Lord most righteous doth
in righteousness delight;
And with a pleasant countenance
beholdeth the upright.

PSALM XII.

1 HELP, Lord, because the godly man
doth daily fade away;
And from among the sons of men
the faithful do decay.
2 Unto his neighbour ev'ry one
doth utter vanity:
They with a double heart do speak,
and lips of flattery.
3 God shall cut off all flatt'ring lips,
tongues that speak proudly thus,
4 We'll with our tongue prevail, our lips
are ours: who's lord o'er us?

5 For poor oppress'd, and for the sighs
of needy, rise will I,
Saith God, and him in safety set
from such as him defy.
6 The words of God are words most
they be like silver try'd [pure;
In earthen furnace, seven times
that hath been purify'd.
7 Lord, thou shalt them preserve and
for ever from this race. [keep
8 On each side walk the wicked, when
vile men are high in place.

PSALM XIII.

1 HOW long wilt thou forget me,
shall it for ever be? [Lord?
O how long shall it be that thou
wilt hide thy face from me?
2 How long take counsel in my soul,
still sad in heart, shall I?
How long exalted over me
shall be mine enemy?
3 O Lord my God, consider well,
and answer to me make:
Mine eyes enlighten, lest the sleep
of death me overtake:
4 Lest that mine enemy should say,
Against him I prevail'd;
And those that trouble me rejoice,
when I am mov'd and fail'd.
5 But I have all my confidence
thy mercy set upon;
My heart within me shall rejoice
in thy salvation.
6 I will unto the Lord my God
sing praises cheerfully,
Because he hath his bounty shown
to me abundantly.

PSALM XIV.

1 THAT there is not a God, the fool
doth in his heart conclude:
They are corrupt, their works are vile;
not one of them doth good.
2 Upon men's sons the Lord from heav'n
did cast his eyes abroad,
To see if any understood,
and did seek after God.
3 They altogether filthy are,
they all aside are gone;
And there is none that doeth good,
yea, sure there is not one.
4 These workers of iniquity
do they not know at all,
That they my people eat as bread,
and on God do not call?
5 There fear'd they much; for God is
the whole race of the just. [with
6 You shame the counsel of the poor,
because God is his trust.
7 Let Isr'el's help from Sion come:
when back the Lord shall bring
His captives, Jacob shall rejoice,
and Israel shall sing.

PSALM XV.

1 WITHIN thy tabernacle, Lord,
who shall abide with thee?
And in thy high and holy hill
who shall a dweller be?
2 The man that walketh uprightly,
and worketh righteousness,
And as he thinketh in his heart,
so doth he truth express.
3 Who doth not slander with his tongue,
nor to his friend doth hurt;
Nor yet against his neighbour doth
take up an ill report.
4 In whose eyes vile men are despis'd;
but those that God do fear
He honoureth; and changeth not,
though to his hurt he swear.
5 His coin puts not to usury,
nor take reward will he
Against the guiltless. Who doth thus
shall never moved be.

PSALM XVI.

1 LORD, keep me; for I trust in thee.
2 To God thus was my speech,
Thou art my Lord; and unto thee
my goodness doth not reach:
3 To saints on earth, to th' excellent,
where my delight's all plac'd.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiply'd
to other gods that haste:
Of their drink-offerings of blood
I will no off'ring make;
Yea, neither I their very names
up in my lips will take.
5 God is of mine inheritance
and cup the portion;
The lot that fallen is to me
thou dost maintain alone.
6 Unto me happily the lines
in pleasant places fell;
Yea, the inheritance I got
in beauty doth excel.
7 I bless the Lord, because he doth
by counsel me conduct;
And in the seasons of the night
my reins do me instruct.
8 Before me still the Lord I set:
sith it is so that he
Doth ever stand at my right hand,
I shall not moved be.
9 Because of this my heart is glad,
and joy shall be exprest
Ev'n by my glory; and my flesh
in confidence shall rest.
10 Because my soul in grave to dwell
shall not be left by thee;
Nor wilt thou give thine Holy One
corruption to see.
11 Thou wilt me shew the path of life:
of joys there is full store
Before thy face; at thy right hand
are pleasures evermore.

PSALM XVII.

1 LORD, hear the right, attend my
unto my pray'r give heed, [cry,
That doth not in hypocrisy
from feigned lips proceed.
2 And from before thy presence forth
my sentence do thou send:
Toward these things that equal are
do thou thine eyes intend.
3 Thou prov'dst mine heart, thou visit'dst
by night, thou didst me try, [me
Yet nothing found'st; for that my mouth
shall not sin, purpos'd I.
4 As for men's works, I, by the word
that from thy lips doth flow,
Did me preserve out of the paths
wherein destroyers go.
5 Hold up my goings, Lord, me guide
in those thy paths divine,
So that my footsteps may not slide
out of those ways of thine.
6 I called have on thee, O God,
because thou wilt me hear:
That thou may'st hearken to my speech,
to me incline thine ear.
7 Thy wondrous loving-kindness show,
thou that, by thy right hand,
Sav'st them that trust in thee from those
that up against them stand.
8 As th' apple of the eye me keep;
in thy wings shade me close
9 From lewd oppressors, compassing
me round, as deadly foes.
10 In their own fat they are inclos'd;
their mouth speaks loftily.
11 Our steps they compass'd; and to
down bowing set their eye. [ground
12 He like unto a lion is
that's greedy of his prey,
Or lion young, which lurking doth
in secret places stay.
13 Arise, and disappoint my foe,
and cast him down, O Lord:
My soul save from the wicked man,
the man which is thy sword.
14 From men, which are thy hand, O
from worldly men me save, [Lord,
Which only in this present life
their part and portion have.
Whose belly with thy treasure hid
thou fill'st: they children have
In plenty; of their goods the rest
they to their children leave
15 But as for me, I thine own face
in righteousness will see;
And with thy likeness, when I wake,
I satisfy'd shall be.

PSALM XVIII.

1 THEE will I love, O Lord, my
2 My fortress is the Lord, [strength.
My rock, and he that doth to me
deliverance afford:
My God, my strength, whom I will
a buckler unto me, [trust,
The horn of my salvation,
and my high tow'r, is he.
3 Upon the Lord, who worthy is
of praises, will I cry;
And then shall I preserved be
safe from mine enemy.
4 Floods of ill men affrighted me,
death's pangs about me went;
5 Hell's sorrows me environed;
death's snares did me prevent.
6 In my distress I call'd on God,
cry to my God did I;
He from his temple heard my voice,
to his ears came my cry.
7 Th' earth, as affrighted, then did shake,
trembling upon it seiz'd:
The hills' foundations moved were,
because he was displeas'd.
8 Up from his nostrils came a smoke,
and from his mouth there came
Devouring fire, and coals by it
were turned into flame.
9 He also bowed down the heav'ns,
and thence he did descend;
And thickest clouds of darkness did
under his feet attend.
10 And he upon a cherub rode,
and thereon he did fly;
Yea, on the swift wings of the wind
his flight was from on high.
11 He darkness made his secret place:
about him, for his tent,
Dark waters were, and thickest clouds
of th' airy firmament.
12 And at the brightness of that light,
which was before his eye,
His thick clouds pass'd away, hail-
and coals of fire did fly. [stones
13 The Lord God also in the heav'ns
did thunder in his ire;
And there the Highest gave his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.
14 Yea, he his arrows sent abroad,
and them he scattered;
His lightnings also he shot out,
and them discomfited.
15 The waters' channels then were seen,
the world's foundations vast,
At thy rebuke discover'd were,
and at thy nostrils' blast.
16 And from above the Lord sent down,
and took me from below;
From many waters he me drew,
which would me overflow.
17 He me reliev'd from my strong foes,
and such as did me hate;
Because he saw that they for me
too strong were, and too great.

18 They me prevented in the day
of my calamity;
But even then the Lord himself
a stay was unto me.
19 He to a place where liberty
and room was hath me brought;
Because he took delight in me,
he my deliv'rance wrought.

20 According to my righteousness
he did me recompense,
He me repaid according to
my hands' pure innocence.
21 For I God's ways kept, from my God
did not turn wickedly.
22 His judgments were before me, I
his laws put not from me.

23 Sincere before him was my heart,
with him upright was I;
And watchfully I kept myself
from mine iniquity.
24 After my righteousness the Lord
hath recompensed me,
After the cleanness of my hands
appearing in his eye.

25 Thou gracious to the gracious art,
to upright men upright:
26 Pure to the pure, froward thou kyth'st
unto the froward wight.
27 For thou wilt the afflicted save
in grief that low do lie:
But wilt bring down the countenance
of them whose looks are high.

28 The Lord will light my candle so,
that it shall shine full bright:
The Lord my God will also make
my darkness to be light.
29 By thee through troops of men I break,
and them discomfit all;
And, by my God assisting me,
I overleap a wall.

30 As for God, perfect is his way:
the Lord his word is try'd;
He is a buckler to all those
who do in him confide.
31 Who but the Lord is God? but he
who is a rock and stay?
32 'Tis God that girdeth me with strength,
and perfect makes my way.

33 He made my feet swift as the hinds,
set me on my high places.
34 Mine hands to war he taught, mine arms
brake bows of steel in pieces.
35 The shield of thy salvation
thou didst on me bestow:
Thy right hand held me up, and great
thy kindness made me grow.

36 And in my way my steps thou hast
enlarged under me,
That I go safely, and my feet
are kept from sliding free.

37 Mine en'mies I pursued have,
and did them overtake;
Nor did I turn again till I
an end of them did make.

38 I wounded them, they could not rise;
they at my feet did fall.
39 Thou girdedst me with strength for war;
my foes thou brought'st down all:
40 And thou hast giv'n to me the necks
of all mine enemies;
That I might them destroy and slay,
who did against me rise.

41 They cried out, but there was none
that would or could them save;
Yea, they did cry unto the Lord,
but he no answer gave.
42 Then did I beat them small as dust
before the wind that flies;
And I did cast them out like dirt
upon the street that lies.

43 Thou mad'st me free from people's strife,
and heathen's head to be:
A people whom I have not known
shall service do to me.
44 At hearing they shall me obey,
to me they shall submit.
45 Strangers for fear shall fade away,
who in close places sit.

46 God lives, bless'd be my Rock; the God
of my health praised be.
47 God doth avenge me, and subdues
the people under me.
48 He saves me from mine enemies;
yea, thou hast lifted me
Above my foes; and from the man
of vi'lence set me free.

49 Therefore to thee will I give thanks
the heathen folk among;
And to thy name, O Lord, I will
sing praises in a song.
50 He great deliv'rance gives his king:
he mercy doth extend
To David, his anointed one,
and his seed without end.

PSALM XIX.

1 THE heav'ns God's glory do declare,
the skies his hand-works preach:
2 Day utters speech to day, and night
to night doth knowledge teach.
3 There is no speech nor tongue to which
their voice doth not extend:
4 Their line is gone through all the earth,
their words to the world's end.
In them he set the sun a tent;
5 Who, bridegroom-like, forth goes
From's chamber, as a strong man doth
to run his race rejoice.
6 From heav'n's end is his going forth,
circling to the end again;
And there is nothing from his heat
that hidden doth remain.

7 God's law is perfect, and converts
the soul in sin that lies:
God's testimony is most sure,
and makes the simple wise.
8 The statutes of the Lord are right,
and do rejoice the heart:
The Lord's command is pure, and doth
light to the eyes impart.
9 Unspotted is the fear of God,
and doth endure for ever:
The judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
10 They more than gold, yea, much fine
to be desired are: [gold,
Than honey, honey from the comb
that droppeth, sweeter far.
11 Moreover, they thy servant warn
how he his life should frame:
A great reward provided is
for them that keep the same.
12 Who can his errors understand?
O cleanse thou me within
13 From secret faults. Thy servant keep
from all presumptuous sin:
And do not suffer them to have
dominion over me:
Then, righteous and innocent,
I from much sin shall be. [ceed,
14 The words which from my mouth pro-
the thoughts sent from my heart,
Accept, O Lord, for thou my strength
and my Redeemer art.

PSALM XX.

1 JEHOVAH hear thee in the day
when trouble he doth send:
And let the name of Jacob's God
thee from all ill defend.
2 O let him help send from above,
out of his sanctuary:
From Sion, his own holy hill,
let him give strength to thee.
3 Let him remember all thy gifts,
accept thy sacrifice:
4 Grant thee thine heart's wish, and fulfil
thy thoughts and counsel wise.
5 In thy salvation we will joy;
in our God's name we will
Display our banners: and the Lord
thy prayers all fulfil.
6 Now know I God his king doth save:
he from his holy heav'n
Will hear him, with the saving strength
by his own right hand giv'n.
7 In chariots some put confidence,
some horses trust upon:
But we remember will the name
of our Lord God alone.
8 We rise, and upright stand, when they
are bowed down, and fall.
9 Deliver, Lord; and let the King
us hear, when we do call.

PSALM XXI.

1 THE king in thy great strength, O
shall very joyful be: [Lord,
In thy salvation rejoice
how veh'mently shall he!
2 Thou hast bestowed upon him
all that his heart would have;
And thou from him didst not withhold
whate'er his lips did crave.
3 For thou with blessings him prevent'st
of goodness manifold;
And thou hast set upon his head
a crown of purest gold.
4 When he desired life of thee,
thou life to him didst give;
Ev'n such a length of days, that he
for evermore should live.
5 In that salvation wrought by thee
his glory is made great;
Honour and comely majesty
thou hast upon him set.
6 Because that thou for evermore
most blessed hast him made;
And thou hast with thy countenance
made him exceeding glad.
7 Because the king upon the Lord
his confidence doth lay;
And through the grace of the most High
shall not be mov'd away.
8 Thine hand shall all those men find out
that en'mies are to thee;
Ev'n thy right hand shall find out those
of thee that haters be.
9 Like fiery ov'n thou shalt them make,
when kindled is thine ire;
God shall them swallow in his wrath,
devour them shall the fire.
10 Their fruit from earth thou shalt destroy,
their seed men from among:
11 For they beyond their might 'gainst thee
did plot mischief and wrong.
12 Thou therefore shalt make them turn
when thou thy shafts shalt place [back,
Upon thy strings, made ready all
to fly against their face.
13 In thy great pow'r and strength, O Lord,
be thou exalted high;
So shall we sing with joyful hearts,
thy power praise shall we.

PSALM XXII.

1 MY God, my God, why hast thou
forsaken? why so far [me
Art thou from helping me, and from
my words that roaring are?
2 All day, my God, to thee I cry,
yet am not heard by thee;
And in the season of the night
I cannot silent be.
3 But thou art holy, thou that dost
inhabit Isr'el's praise.
4 Our fathers hop'd in thee, they hop'd,
and thou didst them release.

5 When unto thee they sent their cry,
to them deliv'rance came:
Because they put their trust in thee,
they were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, a worm I am,
and as no man am priz'd:
Reproach of men I am, and by
the people am despis'd.
7 All that me see laugh me to scorn;
shoot out the lip do they;
They nod and shake their heads at me,
and, mocking, thus do say,

8 This man did trust in God, that he
would free him by his might:
Let him deliver him, sith he
had in him such delight.
9 But thou art he out of the womb
that didst me safely take;
When I was on my mother's breasts
thou me to hope didst make.

10 And I was cast upon thy care,
ev'n from the womb till now;
And from my mother's belly, Lord,
my God and guide art thou.
11 Be not far off, for grief is near,
and none to help is found.
12 Bulls many compass me, strong bulls
of Bashan me surround.

13 Their mouths they open'd wide on me,
upon me gape did they,
Like to a lion ravening
and roaring for his prey.
14 Like water I'm pour'd out, my bones
all out of joint do part:
Amidst my bowels, as the wax,
so melted is my heart.

15 My strength is like a potsherd dry'd;
my tongue it cleaveth fast
Unto my jaws; and to the dust
of death thou brought me hast,
16 For dogs have compass'd me about:
the wicked, that did meet
In their assembly, me inclos'd;
they pierc'd my hands and feet.

17 I all my bones may tell; they do
upon me look and stare.
18 Upon my vesture lots they cast,
and clothes among them share.
19 But be not far, O Lord, my strength;
haste to give help to me.
20 From sword my soul, from pow'r of dogs
my darling set thou free.

21 Out of the roaring lion's mouth
do thou me shield and save:
For from the horns of unicorns
an ear to me thou gave.
22 I will shew forth thy name unto
those that my brethren are;
Amidst the congregation
thy praise I will declare.

23 Praise ye the Lord, who do him fear;
him glorify all ye
The seed of Jacob; fear him all
that Isr'el's children be.
24 For he despis'd not nor abhorr'd
th' afflicted's misery;
Nor from him hid his face, but heard
when he to him did cry.

25 Within the congregation great
my praise shall be of thee;
My vows before them that him fear
shall be perform'd by me.
26 The meek shall eat, and shall be fill'd;
they also praise shall give
Unto the Lord that do him seek:
your heart shall ever live.

27 All ends of th' earth remember shall,
and turn the Lord unto;
All kindreds of the nations
to him shall homage do:
28 Because the kingdom to the Lord
doth appertain as his;
Likewise among the nations
the Governor he is.
29 Earth's fat ones eat, and worship shall:
all who to dust descend
Shall bow to him; none of them can
his soul from death defend.
30 A seed shall service do to him;
unto the Lord it shall
Be for a generation
reckon'd in ages all.
31 They shall come, and they shall declare
his truth and righteousness
Unto a people yet unborn,
and that he hath done this.

PSALM XXIII.

1 THE Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
2 He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
3 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
5 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
6 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

PSALM XXIV.

1 THE earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains;
The world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.

2 For the foundations thereof
he on the seas did lay,
And he hath it established
upon the floods to stay.

3 Who is the man that shall ascend
into the hill of God?
Or who within his holy place
shall have a firm abode?

4 Whose hands are clean, whose heart is
and unto vanity [pure,
Who hath not lifted up his soul,
nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He from th' Eternal shall receive
the blessing him upon,
And righteousness, ev'n from the God
of his salvation.

6 This is the generation
that after him enquire,
O Jacob, who do seek thy face
with their whole heart's desire.

7 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
Be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.

10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

PSALM XXV.

1 TO thee I lift my soul:
2 O Lord, I trust in thee:
My God, let me not be asham'd,
nor foes triumph o'er me.

3 Let none that wait on thee
be put to shame at all;
But those that without cause transgress,
let shame upon them fall.

4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord;
thy paths, O teach thou me:
5 And do thou lead me in thy truth,
therein my teacher be:
For thou art God that dost
to me salvation send,
And I upon thee all the day
expecting do attend.

6 Thy tender mercies, Lord,
I pray thee to remember,
And loving-kindnesses; for they
have been of old for ever.

7 My sins and faults of youth
do thou, O Lord, forget:
After thy mercy think on me,
and for thy goodness great.

8 God good and upright is:
the way he'll sinners shew.

9 The meek in judgment he will guide,
and make his path to know.

10 The whole paths of the Lord
are truth and mercy sure,
To those that do his cov'nant keep,
and testimonies pure.

11 Now, for thine own name's sake,
O Lord, I thee entreat
To pardon mine iniquity;
for it is very great.

12 What man is he that fears
the Lord, and doth him serve?
Him shall he teach the way that he
shall chuse, and still observe.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease;
and his posterity
Shall flourish still, and of the earth
inheritors shall be.

14 With those that fear him is
the secret of the Lord;
The knowledge of his covenant
he will to them afford.

15 Mine eyes upon the Lord
continually are set;
For he it is that shall bring forth
my feet out of the net.

16 Turn unto me thy face,
and to me mercy show;
Because that I am desolate,
and am brought very low.

17 My heart's griefs are increas'd:
me from distress relieve.

18 See mine affliction and my pain,
and all my sins forgive.

19 Consider thou my foes,
because they many are;
And it a cruel hatred is
which they against me bear.

20 O do thou keep my soul,
do thou deliver me:
And let me never be asham'd,
because I trust in thee.

21 Let uprightness and truth
keep me, who thee attend.

22 Redemption, Lord, to Israel
from all his troubles send.

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1 TO thee I lift my soul, O Lord:
2 My God, I trust in thee:
Let me not be asham'd; let not
my foes triumph o'er me.

3 Yea, let thou none ashamed be
that do on thee attend:
Ashamed let them be, O Lord,
who without cause offend.

4 Thy ways, Lord, shew; teach me thy
5 Lead me in truth, teach me: [paths:
For of my safety thou art God;
all day I wait on thee.

6 Thy mercies, that most tender are,
do thou, O Lord, remember,
And loving-kindnesses; for they
have been of old for ever.
7 Let not the errors of my youth,
nor sins, remember'd be:
In mercy, for thy goodness' sake,
O Lord, remember me.
8 The Lord is good and gracious,
he upright is also:
He therefore sinners will instruct
in ways that they should go.
9 The meek and lowly he will guide
in judgment just alway:
To meek and poor afflicted ones
he'll clearly teach his way.
10 The whole paths of the Lord our God
are truth and mercy sure,
To such as keep his covenant,
and testimonies pure.
11 Now, for thine own name's sake, O Lord,
I humbly thee entreat
To pardon mine iniquity;
for it is very great.
12 What man fears God? him shall he teach
the way that he shall chuse.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease; his seed
the earth, as heirs, shall use.
14 The secret of the Lord is with
such as do fear his name;
And he his holy covenant
will manifest to them.
15 Towards the Lord my waiting eyes
continually are set;
For he it is that shall bring forth
my feet out of the net.
16 O turn thee unto me, O God,
have mercy me upon;
Because I solitary am,
and in affliction.
17 Enlarg'd the griefs are of mine heart;
me from distress relieve.
18 See mine affliction and my pain,
and all my sins forgive.
19 Consider thou mine enemies,
because they many are;
And it a cruel hatred is
which they against me bear.
20 O do thou keep my soul; O God,
do thou deliver me:
Let me not be asham'd; for I
do put my trust in thee.
21 O let integrity and truth
keep me, who thee attend.
22 Redemption, Lord, to Israel
from all his troubles send.

PSALM XXVI.

1 JUDGE me, O Lord, for I have walk'd
in mine integrity:
I trusted also in the Lord;
slide therefore shall not I.
2 Examine me, and do me prove
try heart and reins, O God:
3 For thy love is before mine eyes,
thy truth's paths I have trode.
4 With persons vain I have not sat,
nor with dissemblers gone:
5 Th' assembly of ill men I hate;
to sit with such I shun.
6 Mine hands in innocence, O Lord,
I'll wash and purify;
So to thine holy altar go,
and compass it will I:
7 That I, with voice of thanksgiving,
may publish and declare,
And tell of all thy mighty works,
that great and wondrous are.
8 The habitation of thy house,
Lord, I have loved well;
Yea, in that place I do delight
where doth thine honour dwell.
9 With sinners gather not my soul,
and such as blood would spill:
10 Whose hands mischievous plots, right hand
corrupting bribes do fill.
11 But as for me, I will walk on
in mine integrity:
Do thou redeem me, and, O Lord,
be merciful to me.
12 My foot upon an even place
doth stand with stedfastness:
Within the congregations
th' Eternal I will bless.

PSALM XXVII.

1 THE Lord's my light and saving health,
who shall make me dismay'd?
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom
then shall I be afraid?
2 When as mine enemies and foes,
most wicked persons all,
To eat my flesh against me rose,
they stumbled and did fall.
3 Against me though an host encamp,
my heart yet fearless is:
Though war against me rise, I will
be confident in this.
4 One thing I of the Lord desir'd,
and will seek to obtain,
That all days of my life I may
within God's house remain;
That I the beauty of the Lord
behold may and admire,
And that I in his holy place
may rev'rently enquire.
5 For he in his pavilion shall
me hide in evil days;
In secret of his tent me hide,
and on a rock me raise.
6 And now, ev'n at this present time,
mine head shall lifted be
Above all those that are my foes,
and round encompass me:

Therefore unto his tabernacle
I'll sacrifices bring
Of joyfulness; I'll sing, yea, I
to God will praises sing.

7 O Lord, give ear unto my voice,
when I do cry to thee;
Upon me also mercy have,
and do thou answer me.

8 When thou didst say, Seek ye my face,
then unto thee reply
Thus did my heart, Above all things
thy face, Lord, seek will I.

9 Far from me hide not thou thy face;
put not away from thee
Thy servant in thy wrath: thou hast
an helper been to me.
O God of my salvation,
leave me not, nor forsake:

10 Though me my parents both should
the Lord will me up take. [leave,

11 O Lord, instruct me in thy way,
to me a leader be
In a plain path, because of those
that hatred bear to me.

12 Give me not to mine en'mies will;
for witnesses that lie
Against me risen are, and such
as breathe out cruelty.

13 I fainted had, unless that I
believed had to see
The Lord's own goodness in the land
of them that living be.

14 Wait on the Lord, and be thou strong,
and he shall strength afford
Unto thine heart; yea, do thou wait,
I say, upon the Lord.

PSALM XXVIII.

1 TO thee I'll cry, O Lord, my rock;
hold not thy peace to me;
Lest like those that to pit descend
I by thy silence be.

2 The voice hear of my humble pray'rs,
when unto thee I cry;
When to thine holy oracle
I lift mine hands on high.

3 With ill men draw me not away
that work iniquity;
That speak peace to their friends, while
their hearts doth mischief lie. [in

4 Give them according to their deeds
and ills endeavoured:
And as their handy-works deserve,
to them be rendered.

5 God shall not build, but them destroy,
who would not understand
The Lord's own works, nor did regard
the doing of his hand.

6 For ever blessed be the Lord,
for graciously he heard
The voice of my petitions,
and prayers did regard.

7 The Lord's my strength and shield; my
upon him did rely; [heart
And I am helped: hence my heart
doth joy exceedingly,
And with my song I will him praise.

8 Their strength is God alone:
He also is the saving strength
of his anointed one.

9 O thine own people do thou save,
bless thine inheritance;
Them also do thou feed, and them
for evermore advance.

PSALM XXIX.

1 GIVE ye unto the Lord, ye sons
that of the mighty be,
All strength and glory to the Lord
with cheerfulness give ye.

2 Unto the Lord the glory give
that to his name is due;
And in the beauty of holiness
unto JEHOVAH bow.

3 The Lord's voice on the waters is;
the God of majesty
Doth thunder, and on multitudes
of waters sitteth he.

4 A pow'rful voice it is that comes
out from the Lord most high;
The voice of that great Lord is full
of glorious majesty.

5 The voice of the Eternal doth
asunder cedars tear;
Yea, God the Lord doth cedars break
that Lebanon doth bear.

6 He makes them like a calf to skip,
ev'n that great Lebanon,
And, like to a young unicorn,
the mountain Sirion.

7 God's voice divides the flames of fire;

8 The desert it doth shake:
The Lord doth make the wilderness
of Kadesh all to quake.

9 God's voice doth make the hinds to calve,
it makes the forest bare:
And in his temple ev'ry one
his glory doth declare.

10 The Lord sits on the floods; the Lord
sits King, and ever shall.

11 The Lord will give his people strength,
and with peace bless them all.

PSALM XXX.

1 LORD, I will thee extol, for thou
hast lifted me on high,
And over me thou to rejoice
mad'st not mine enemy.

2 O thou who art the Lord my God,
I in distress to thee,
With loud cries lifted up my voice,
and thou hast healed me.

3 O Lord, my soul thou hast brought up,
and rescu'd from the grave;
That I to pit should not go down,
alive thou didst me save.

4 O ye that are his holy ones,
sing praise unto the Lord;
And give unto him thanks, when ye
his holiness record.

5 For but a moment lasts his wrath;
life in his favour lies:
Weeping may for a night endure,
at morn doth joy arise.

6 In my prosperity I said,
that nothing shall me move.

7 O Lord, thou hast my mountain made
to stand strong by thy love:
But when that thou, O gracious God,
didst hide thy face from me,
Then quickly was my prosp'rous state
turn'd into misery.

8 Wherefore unto the Lord my cry
I caused to ascend:
My humble supplication
I to the Lord did send.

9 What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to pit?
Shall unto thee the dust give praise?
thy truth declare shall it?

10 Hear, Lord, have mercy; help me, Lord:

11 Thou turned hast my sadness
To dancing; yea, my sackcloth loos'd,
and girded me with gladness;

12 That sing thy praise my glory may,
and never silent be.
O Lord my God, for evermore
I will give thanks to thee.

PSALM XXXI.

1 IN thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
sham'd let me never be;
According to thy righteousness
do thou deliver me.

2 Bow down thine ear to me, with speed
send me deliverance:
To save me, my strong rock be thou,
and my house of defence.

3 Because thou art my rock, and thee
I for my fortress take;
Therefore do thou me lead and guide,
ev'n for thine own name's sake.

4 And sith thou art my strength, therefore
pull me out of the net,
Which they in subtilty for me
so privily have set.

5 Into thine hands I do commit
my sp'rit: for thou art he,
O thou, JEHOVAH, God of truth,
that hast redeemed me.

6 Those that do lying vanities
regard, I have abhorr'd:
But as for me, my confidence
is fixed on the Lord.

7 I'll in thy mercy gladly joy:
for thou my miseries
Consider'd hast; thou hast my soul
known in adversities:

8 And thou hast not inclosed me
within the en'my's hand;
And by thee have my feet been made
in a large room to stand.

9 O Lord, upon me mercy have,
for trouble is on me:
Mine eye, my belly, and my soul,
with grief consumed be.

10 Because my life with grief is spent,
my years with sighs and groans:
My strength doth fail; and for my sin
consumed are my bones.

11 I was a scorn to all my foes,
and to my friends a fear;
And specially reproach'd of those
that were my neighbours near:
When they me saw they from me fled.

12 Ev'n so I am forgot,
As men are out of mind when dead:
I'm like a broken pot.

13 For slanders I of many heard;
fear compass'd me, while they
Against me did consult, and plot
to take my life away.

14 But as for me, O Lord, my trust
upon thee I did lay;
And I to thee, Thou art my God,
did confidently say.

15 My times are wholly in thine hand:
do thou deliver me
From their hands that mine enemies
and persecutors be.

16 Thy countenance to shine do thou
upon thy servant make:
Unto me give salvation,
for thy great mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be asham'd, O Lord,
for on thee call'd I have:
Let wicked men be sham'd, let them
be silent in the grave.

18 To silence put the lying lips,
that grievous things do say,
And hard reports, in pride and scorn,
on righteous men do lay.

19 How great's the goodness thou for them
that fear thee keep'st in store,
And wrought'st for them that trust in
the sons of men before! [thee

20 In secret of thy presence thou
shalt hide them from man's pride:
From strife of tongues thou closely shalt,
as in a tent, them hide.

21 All praise and thanks be to the Lord;
for he hath magnify'd
His wondrous love to me within
a city fortify'd.

22 For from thine eyes cut off I am,
I in my haste had said;
My voice yet heard'st thou, when to thee
with cries my moan I made.

23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints;
because the Lord doth guard
The faithful, and he plenteously
proud doers doth reward.
24 Be of good courage, and he strength
unto your heart shall send,
All ye whose hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

PSALM XXXII.

1 O BLESSED is the man to whom
is freely pardoned
All the transgression he hath done,
whose sin is covered.
2 Bless'd is the man to whom the Lord
imputeth not his sin,
And in whose sp'rit there is no guile,
nor fraud is found therein.
3 When as I did refrain my speech,
and silent was my tongue,
My bones then waxed old, because
I roared all day long.
4 For upon me both day and night
thine hand did heavy lie,
So that my moisture turned is
in summer's drought thereby.
5 I thereupon have unto thee
my sin acknowledged,
And likewise mine iniquity
I have not covered:
I will confess unto the Lord
my trespasses, said I;
And of my sin thou freely didst
forgive th' iniquity.
6 For this shall ev'ry godly one
his prayer make to thee;
In such a time he shall thee seek,
as found thou mayest be.
Surely, when floods of waters great
do swell up to the brim,
They shall not overwhelm his soul,
nor once come near to him.
7 Thou art my hiding-place, thou shalt
from trouble keep me free:
Thou with songs of deliverance
about shalt compass me.
8 I will instruct thee, and thee teach
the way that thou shalt go;
And, with mine eye upon thee set,
I will direction show.
9 Then be not like the horse or mule,
which do not understand;
Whose mouth, lest they come near to
a bridle must command. [thee,
10 Unto the man that wicked is
his sorrows shall abound;
But him that trusteth in the Lord
mercy shall compass round.
11 Ye righteous, in the Lord be glad,
in him do ye rejoice:
All ye that upright are in heart,
for joy lift up your voice.

PSALM XXXIII.

1 YE righteous, in the Lord rejoice;
it comely is and right,
That upright men, with thankful voice,
should praise the Lord of might.
2 Praise God with harp, and unto him
sing with the psaltery;
Upon a ten-string'd instrument
make ye sweet melody.
3 A new song to him sing, and play
with loud noise skilfully;
4 For right is God's word, all his works
are done in verity.
5 To judgment and to righteousness
a love he beareth still;
The loving-kindness of the Lord
the earth throughout doth fill.
6 The heavens by the word of God
did their beginning take;
And by the breathing of his mouth
he all their hosts did make.
7 The waters of the seas he brings
together as an heap;
And in storehouses, as it were,
he layeth up the deep.
8 Let earth, and all that live therein,
with rev'rence fear the Lord;
Let all the world's inhabitants
dread him with one accord.
9 For he did speak the word, and done
it was without delay;
Established it firmly stood,
whatever he did say.
10 God doth the counsel bring to nought
which heathen folk do take;
And what the people do devise
of none effect doth make.
11 O but the counsel of the Lord
doth stand for ever sure;
And of his heart the purposes
from age to age endure.
12 That nation blessed is, whose God
JEHOVAH is, and those
A blessed people are, whom for
his heritage he chose.
13 The Lord from heav'n sees and beholds
all sons of men full well:
14 He views all from his dwelling-place
that in the earth do dwell.
15 He forms their hearts alike, and all
their doings he observes.
16 Great hosts save not a king, much
no mighty man preserves. [strength
17 An horse for preservation
is a deceitful thing;
And by the greatness of his strength
can no deliv'rance bring.
18 Behold, on those that do him fear
the Lord doth set his eye;
Ev'n those who on his mercy do
with confidence rely.

19 From death to free their soul, in dearth
life unto them to yield.
20 Our soul doth wait upon the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
21 Sith in his holy name we trust,
our heart shall joyful be.
22 Lord, let thy mercy be on us,
as we do hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

1 GOD will I bless all times; his praise
my mouth shall still express.
2 My soul shall boast in God: the meek
shall hear with joyfulness.
3 Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, he heard, and did
me from all fears deliver.
5 They look'd to him, and lighten'd were:
not shamed were their faces.
6 This poor man cry'd, God heard, and
him from all his distresses. [sav'd
7 The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompasseth
All those about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.
8 O taste and see that God is good:
who trusts in him is bless'd.
9 Fear God his saints: none that him fear
shall be with want opprest.
10 The lions young may hungry be,
and they may lack their food:
But they that truly seek the Lord
shall not lack any good.
11 O children, hither do ye come,
and unto me give ear;
I shall you teach to understand
how ye the Lord should fear.
12 What man is he that life desires,
to see good would live long?
13 Thy lips refrain from speaking guile,
and from ill words thy tongue.
14 Depart from ill, do good, seek peace,
pursue it earnestly.
15 God's eyes are on the just; his ears
are open to their cry.
16 The face of God is set against
those that do wickedly,
That he may quite out from the earth
cut off their memory.
17 The righteous cry unto the Lord,
he unto them gives ear;
And they out of their troubles all
by him deliver'd are.
18 The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken sp'rit;
To them he safety doth afford
that are in heart contrite.
19 The troubles that afflict the just
in number many be;
But yet at length out of them all
the Lord doth set him free.
20 He carefully his bones doth keep,
whatever can befall;
That not so much as one of them
can broken be at all.
21 Ill shall the wicked slay; laid waste
shall be who hate the just.
22 The Lord redeems his servants' souls;
none perish that him trust.

PSALM XXXV.

1 PLEAD, Lord, with those that plead;
and fight
with those that fight with me.
2 Of shield and buckler take thou hold,
stand up mine help to be.
3 Draw also out the spear, and do
against them stop the way
That me pursue: unto my soul,
I'm thy salvation, say.
4 Let them confounded be and sham'd
that for my soul have sought:
Who plot my hurt turn'd back be they,
and to confusion brought.
5 Let them be like unto the chaff
that flies before the wind;
And let the angel of the Lord
pursue them hard behind.
6 With darkness cover thou their way,
and let it slipp'ry prove;
And let the angel of the Lord
pursue them from above.
7 For without cause have they for me
their net hid in a pit,
They also have without a cause
for my soul digged it.
8 Let ruin seize him unawares;
his net he hid withal
Himself let catch; and in the same
destruction let him fall.
9 My soul in God shall joy; and glad
in his salvation be:
10 And all my bones shall say, O Lord,
who is like unto thee,
Which dost the poor set free from him
that is for him too strong;
The poor and needy from the man
that spoils and does him wrong?
11 False witnesses rose; to my charge
things I not knew they laid.
12 They, to the spoiling of my soul,
me ill for good repaid.
13 But as for me, when they were sick,
in sackcloth sad I mourn'd:
My humbled soul did fast, my pray'r
into my bosom turn'd.
14 Myself I did behave as he
had been my friend or brother;
I heavily bow'd down, as one
that mourneth for his mother.
15 But in my trouble they rejoic'd,
gath'ring themselves together;
Yea, abjects vile together did
themselves against me gather:

I knew it not; they did me tear,
and quiet would not be.
16 With mocking hypocrites, at feasts
they gnash'd their teeth at me.
17 How long, Lord, look'st thou on? from
destructions they intend [those
Rescue my soul, from lions young
my darling do defend.
18 I will give thanks to thee, O Lord,
within th' assembly great;
And where much people gather'd are
thy praises forth will set.
19 Let not my wrongful enemies
proudly rejoice o'er me;
Nor who me hate without a cause,
let them wink with the eye.
20 For peace they do not speak at all;
but crafty plots prepare
Against all those within the land
that meek and quiet are.
21 With mouths set wide, they 'gainst me
Ha, ha! our eye doth see. [said,
22 Lord, thou hast seen, hold not thy peace;
Lord, be not far from me.
23 Stir up thyself; wake, that thou may'st
judgment to me afford,
Ev'n to my cause, O thou that art
my only God and Lord.
24 O Lord my God, do thou me judge
after thy righteousness;
And let them not their joy 'gainst me
triumphantly express:
25 Nor let them say within their hearts,
Ah, we would have it thus;
Nor suffer them to say, that he
is swallow'd up by us.
26 Sham'd and confounded be they all
that at my hurt are glad;
Let those against me that do boast
with shame and scorn be clad.
27 Let them that love my righteous cause
be glad, shout, and not cease
To say, The Lord be magnify'd,
who loves his servant's peace.
28 Thy righteousness shall also be
declared by my tongue;
The praises that belong to thee
speak shall it all day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

1 THE wicked man's transgression
within my heart thus says,
Undoubtedly the fear of God
is not before his eyes.
2 Because himself he flattereth
in his own blinded eye,
Until the hatefulness be found
of his iniquity.
3 Words from his mouth proceeding are,
fraud and iniquity:
He to be wise, and to do good,
hath left off utterly.
4 He mischief, lying on his bed,
most cunningly doth plot:
He sets himself in ways not good,
ill he abhorreth not.
5 Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heav'ns;
thy truth doth reach the clouds:
6 Thy justice is like mountains great;
thy judgments deep as floods:
Lord, thou preservest man and beast.
7 How precious is thy grace!
Therefore in shadow of thy wings
men's sons their trust shall place.
8 They with the fatness of thy house
shall be well satisfy'd;
From rivers of thy pleasures thou
wilt drink to them provide.
9 Because of life the fountain pure
remains alone with thee;
And in that purest light of thine
we clearly light shall see.
10 Thy loving-kindness unto them
continue that thee know;
And still on men upright in heart
thy righteousness bestow.
11 Let not the foot of cruel pride
come, and against me stand;
And let me not removed be,
Lord, by the wicked's hand.
12 There fallen are they, and ruined,
that work iniquities:
Cast down they are, and never shall
be able to arise.

PSALM XXXVII.

1 FOR evil-doers fret thou not
thyself unquietly;
Nor do thou envy bear to those
that work iniquity.
2 For, even like unto the grass,
soon be cut down shall they;
And, like the green and tender herb,
they wither shall away.
3 Set thou thy trust upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good;
And so thou in the land shalt dwell,
and verily have food.
4 Delight thyself in God; he'll give
thine heart's desire to thee.
5 Thy way to God commit, him trust,
it bring to pass shall he.
6 And, like unto the light, he shall
thy righteousness display;
And he thy judgment shall bring forth
like noon-tide of the day.
7 Rest in the Lord, and patiently
wait for him: do not fret
For him who, prosp'ring in his way,
success in sin doth get.
8 Do thou from anger cease, and wrath,
see thou forsake also:
Fret not thyself in any wise,
that evil thou should'st do.

9 For those that evil-doers are
shall be cut off and fall:
But those that wait upon the Lord
the earth inherit shall.

10 For yet a little while, and then
the wicked shall not be;
His place thou shalt consider well,
but it thou shalt not see.
11 But by inheritance the earth
the meek ones shall possess:
They also shall delight themselves
in an abundant peace.

12 The wicked plots against the just,
and at him whets his teeth:
13 The Lord shall laugh at him, because
his day he coming seeth.
14 The wicked have drawn out the sword,
and bent their bow, to slay
The poor and needy, and to kill
men of an upright way.

15 But their own sword, which they have
shall enter their own heart: [drawn,
Their bows which they have bent shall
and into pieces part. [break,
16 A little that a just man hath
is more and better far
Than is the wealth of many such
as lewd and wicked are.

17 For sinners' arms shall broken be;
but God the just sustains.
18 God knows the just man's days, and still
their heritage remains.
19 They shall not be asham'd when they
the evil time do see;
And when the days of famine are
they satisfy'd shall be.

20 But wicked men, and foes of God,
as fat of lambs, decay;
They shall consume, yea, into smoke
they shall consume away.
21 The wicked borrows, but the same
again he doth not pay;
Whereas the righteous mercy shews,
and gives his own away.

22 For such as blessed be of him
the earth inherit shall;
And they that cursed are of him
shall be destroyed all.
23 A good man's footsteps by the Lord
are ordered aright;
And in the way wherein he walks
he greatly doth delight.

24 Although he fall, yet shall he not
be cast down utterly;
Because the Lord with his own hand
upholds him mightily.
25 I have been young, and now am old,
yet have I never seen
The just man left, nor that his seed
for bread have beggars been.

26 He's ever merciful, and lends:
his seed is bless'd therefore.
27 Depart from evil, and do good,
and dwell for evermore.
28 For God loves judgment, and his saints
leaves not in any case;
They are kept ever: but cut off
shall be the sinner's race.

29 The just inherit shall the land,
and ever in it dwell:
30 The just man's mouth doth wisdom
his tongue doth judgment tell. [speak;
31 In's heart the law is of his God,
his steps slide not away.
32 The wicked man doth watch the just,
and seeketh him to slay.

33 Yet him the Lord will not forsake,
nor leave him in his hands:
The righteous will he not condemn,
when he in judgment stands.
34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,
and thee exalt shall he
Th' earth to inherit; when cut off
the wicked thou shalt see.

35 I saw the wicked great in pow'r,
spread like a green bay-tree:
36 He pass'd, yea, was not; him I sought,
but found he could not be.
37 Mark thou the perfect, and behold
the man of uprightness;
Because that surely of this man
the latter end is peace.

38 But those men that transgressors are
shall be destroy'd together;
The latter end of wicked men
shall be cut off for ever.
39 But the salvation of the just
is from the Lord above;
He in the time of their distress
their stay and strength doth prove.
40 The Lord shall help, and them deliver:
he shall them free and save
From wicked men; because in him
their confidence they have.

PSALM XXXVIII.

1 IN thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not;
Nor on me lay thy chast'ning hand,
in thy displeasure hot.
2 For in me fast thine arrows stick,
thine hand doth press me sore:
3 And in my flesh there is no health,
nor soundness any more.
This grief I have, because thy wrath
is forth against me gone;
And in my bones there is no rest,
for sin that I have done.
4 Because gone up above mine head
my great transgressions be;
And, as a weighty burden, they
too heavy are for me.

5 My wounds do stink, and are corrupt;
my folly makes it so.
6 I troubled am, and much bow'd down;
all day I mourning go.
7 For a disease that loathsome is
so fills my loins with pain,
That in my weak and weary flesh
no soundness doth remain.
8 So feeble and infirm am I,
and broken am so sore,
That, through disquiet of my heart,
I have been made to roar.
9 O Lord, all that I do desire
is still before thine eye;
And of my heart the secret groans
not hidden are from thee.
10 My heart doth pant incessantly,
my strength doth quite decay;
As for mine eyes, their wonted light
is from me gone away.
11 My lovers and my friends do stand
at distance from my sore;
And those do stand aloof that were
kinsmen and kind before.
12 Yea, they that seek my life lay snares:
who seek to do me wrong
Speak things mischievous, and deceits
imagine all day long.
13 But, as one deaf, that heareth not,
I suffer'd all to pass;
I as a dumb man did become,
whose mouth not open'd was:
14 As one that hears not, in whose mouth
are no reproofs at all.
15 For, Lord, I hope in thee; my God,
thou'lt hear me when I call.
16 For I said, Hear me, lest they should
rejoice o'er me with pride;
And o'er me magnify themselves,
when as my foot doth slide.
17 For I am near to halt, my grief
is still before mine eye:
18 For I'll declare my sin, and grieve
for mine iniquity.
19 But yet mine en'mies lively are,
and strong are they beside;
And they that hate me wrongfully
are greatly multiply'd.
20 And they for good that render ill,
as en'mies me withstood;
Yea, ev'n for this, because that I
do follow what is good.
21 Forsake me not, O Lord; my God,
far from me never be.
22 O Lord, thou my salvation art,
haste to give help to me.

PSALM XXXIX.

1 I SAID, I will look to my ways,
lest with my tongue I sin:
In sight of wicked men my mouth
with bridle I'll keep in.
2 With silence I as dumb became,
I did myself restrain
From speaking good; but then the more
increased was my pain.
3 My heart within me waxed hot;
and, while I musing was,
The fire did burn; and from my tongue
these words I did let pass:
4 Mine end, and measure of my days,
O Lord, unto me show
What is the same; that I thereby
my frailty well may know.
5 Lo, thou my days an handbreadth
mine age is in thine eye [mad'st;
As nothing: sure each man at best
is wholly vanity.
6 Sure each man walks in a vain show;
they vex themselves in vain:
He heaps up wealth, and doth not know
to whom it shall pertain.
7 And now, O Lord, what wait I for?
my hope is fix'd on thee.
8 Free me from all my trespasses,
the fool's scorn make not me.
9 Dumb was I, op'ning not my mouth,
because this work was thine.
10 Thy stroke take from me; by the blow
of thine hand I do pine.
11 When with rebukes thou dost correct
man for iniquity,
Thou wastes his beauty like a moth:
sure each man's vanity.
12 Attend my cry, Lord, at my tears
and pray'rs not silent be:
I sojourn as my fathers all,
and stranger am with thee.
13 O spare thou me, that I my strength
recover may again,
Before from hence I do depart,
and here no more remain.

PSALM XL.

1 I WAITED for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
At length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear.
2 He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
And on a rock he set my feet,
establishing my way.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
our God to magnify:
Many shall see it, and shall fear,
and on the Lord rely.
4 O blessed is the man whose trust
upon the Lord relies;
Respecting not the proud, nor such
as turn aside to lies.
5 O Lord my God, full many are
the wonders thou hast done;
Thy gracious thoughts to us-ward far
above all thoughts are gone:

In order none can reckon them
to thee: if them declare,
And speak of them I would, they more
than can be number'd are.

6 No sacrifice nor offering
didst thou at all desire;
Mine ears thou bor'd: sin-off'ring thou
and burnt didst not require:
7 Then to the Lord these were my words,
I come, behold and see;
Within the volume of the book
it written is of me:
8 To do thy will I take delight,
O thou my God that art;
Yea, that most holy law of thine
I have within my heart.
9 Within the congregation great
I righteousness did preach:
Lo, thou dost know, O Lord, that I
refrained not my speech.
10 I never did within my heart
conceal thy righteousness;
I thy salvation have declar'd,
and shown thy faithfulness:
Thy kindness, which most loving is,
concealed have not I,
Nor from the congregation great
have hid thy verity.
11 Thy tender mercies, Lord, from me
O do thou not restrain;
Thy loving-kindness, and thy truth,
let them me still maintain.
12 For ills past reck'ning compass me,
and mine iniquities
Such hold upon me taken have,
I cannot lift mine eyes:
They more than hairs are on mine head,
thence is my heart dismay'd.
13 Be pleased, Lord, to rescue me;
Lord, hasten to mine aid.
14 Sham'd and confounded be they all
that seek my soul to kill;
Yea, let them backward driven be,
and sham'd, that wish me ill.
15 For a reward of this their shame
confounded let them be,
That in this manner scoffing say,
Aha, aha! to me.
16 In thee let all be glad, and joy,
who seeking thee abide;
Who thy salvation love, say still,
The Lord be magnify'd.
17 I'm poor and needy, yet the Lord
of me a care doth take:
Thou art my help and saviour,
my God, no tarrying make.

PSALM XLI.

1 BLESSED is he that wisely doth
the poor man's case consider;
For when the time of trouble is
the Lord will him deliver.
2 God will him keep, yea, save alive;
on earth he bless'd shall live;
And to his enemies' desire
thou wilt him not up give.
3 God will give strength when he on bed
of languishing doth mourn;
And in his sickness sore, O Lord,
thou all his bed wilt turn.
4 I said, O Lord, do thou extend
thy mercy unto me;
O do thou heal my soul; for why?
I have offended thee.
5 Those that to me are enemies,
of me do evil say,
When shall he die, that so his name
may perish quite away?
6 To see me if he comes, he speaks
vain words: but then his heart
Heaps mischief to it, which he tells,
when forth he doth depart.
7 My haters jointly whispering,
'gainst me my hurt devise.
8 Mischief, say they, cleaves fast to him;
he li'th, and shall not rise.
9 Yea, ev'n mine own familiar friend,
on whom I did rely,
Who ate my bread, ev'n he his heel
against me lifted high.
10 But, Lord, be merciful to me,
and up again me raise,
That I may justly them requite
according to their ways.
11 By this I know that certainly
I favour'd am by thee;
Because my hateful enemy
triumphs not over me.
12 But as for me, thou me uphold'st
in mine integrity;
And me before thy countenance
thou sett'st continually.
13 The Lord, the God of Israel,
be bless'd for ever then,
From age to age eternally.
Amen, yea, and amen.

PSALM XLII.

1 LIKE as the hart for water-brooks
in thirst doth pant and bray;
So pants my longing soul, O God,
that come to thee I may.
2 My soul for God, the living God,
doth thirst: when shall I near
Unto thy countenance approach,
and in God's sight appear?
3 My tears have unto me been meat,
both in the night and day,
While unto me continually,
Where is thy God? they say.
4 My soul is poured out in me,
when this I think upon;
Because that with the multitude
I heretofore had gone:

With them into God's house I went
with voice of joy and praise;
Yea, with the multitude that kept
the solemn holy days.
5 O why art thou cast down, my soul?
why in me so dismay'd?
Trust God, for I shall praise him yet,
his count'nance is mine aid.
6 My God, my soul's cast down in me;
thee therefore mind I will
From Jordan's land, the Hermonites,
and ev'n from Mizar hill.
7 At the noise of thy water-spouts
deep unto deep doth call;
Thy breaking waves pass over me,
yea, and thy billows all.
8 His loving-kindness yet the Lord
command will in the day,
His song's with me by night; to God,
by whom I live, I'll pray:
9 And I will say to God my rock,
Why me forgett'st thou so?
Why, for my foes' oppression,
thus mourning do I go?
10 'Tis as a sword within my bones,
when my foes me upbraid;
Ev'n when by them, Where is thy God?
'tis daily to me said.
11 O why art thou cast down, my soul?
why, thus with grief opprest,
Art thou disquieted in me?
in God still hope and rest:
For yet I know I shall him praise,
who graciously to me
The health is of my countenance,
yea, mine own God is he.

PSALM XLIII.

1 JUDGE me, O God, and plead my
against th' ungodly nation; [cause
From the unjust and crafty man,
O be thou my salvation.
2 For thou the God art of my strength;
why thrusts thou me thee fro'?
For th' enemy's oppression
why do I mourning go?
3 O send thy light forth and thy truth;
let them be guides to me,
And bring me to thine holy hill,
ev'n where thy dwellings be.
4 Then will I to God's altar go,
to God my chiefest joy:
Yea, God, my God, thy name to praise
my harp I will employ.
5 Why art thou then cast down my soul?
what should discourage thee?
And why with vexing thoughts art thou
disquieted in me?
Still trust in God; for him to praise
good cause I yet shall have:
He of my count'nance is the health,
my God that doth me save.

PSALM XLIV.

1 O GOD, we with our ears have heard,
our fathers have us told,
What works thou in their days hadst
ev'n in the days of old. [done,
2 Thy hand did drive the heathen out,
and plant them in their place;
Thou didst afflict the nations,
but them thou didst increase.
3 For neither got their sword the land,
nor did their arm them save;
But thy right hand, arm, countenance;
for thou them favour gave.
4 Thou art my King: for Jacob, Lord,
deliv'rances command.
5 Through thee we shall push down our
that do against us stand: [foes,
We, through thy name, shall tread down
that ris'n against us have. [those
6 For in my bow I shall not trust,
nor shall my sword me save.
7 But from our foes thou hast us sav'd,
our haters put to shame.
8 In God we all the day do boast,
and ever praise thy name.
9 But now we are cast off by thee,
and us thou putt'st to shame;
And when our armies do go forth,
thou go'st not with the same.
10 Thou mak'st us from the enemy,
faint-hearted, to turn back;
And they who hate us for themselves
our spoils away do take.
11 Like sheep for meat thou gavest us;
'mong heathen cast we be.
12 Thou didst for nought thy people sell;
their price enrich'd not thee.
13 Thou mak'st us a reproach to be
unto our neighbours near;
Derision and a scorn to them
that round about us are.
14 A by-word also thou dost us
among the heathen make;
The people, in contempt and spite,
at us their heads do shake.
15 Before me my confusion
continually abides;
And of my bashful countenance
the shame me ever hides:
16 For voice of him that doth reproach,
and speaketh blasphemy;
By reason of th' avenging foe,
and cruel enemy.
17 All this is come on us, yet we
have not forgotten thee;
Nor falsely in thy covenant
behav'd ourselves have we.
18 Back from thy way our heart not turn'd;
our steps no straying made; [place,
19 Though us thou brak'st in dragons'
and cover'dst with death's shade.

20 If we God's name forgot, or stretch'd
to a strange god our hands,
21 Shall not God search this out? for he
heart's secrets understands.
22 Yea, for thy sake we're kill'd all day,
counted as slaughter-sheep.
23 Rise, Lord, cast us not ever off;
awake, why dost thou sleep?
24 O wherefore hidest thou thy face?
forgett'st our cause distress'd,
25 And our oppression? For our soul
is to the dust down press'd:
Our belly also on the earth
fast cleaving, hold doth take.
26 Rise for our help, and us redeem,
ev'n for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

1 MY heart brings forth a goodly thing;
my words that I indite
Concern the King: my tongue's a pen
of one that swift doth write.
2 Thou fairer art than sons of men:
into thy lips is store
Of grace infus'd; God therefore thee
hath bless'd for evermore.
3 O thou that art the mighty One,
thy sword gird on thy thigh;
Ev'n with thy glory excellent,
and with thy majesty.
4 For meekness, truth, and righteousness,
in state ride prosp'rously;
And thy right hand shall thee instruct
in things that fearful be.
5 Thine arrows sharply pierce the heart
of th' en'mies of the King;
And under thy subjection
the people down do bring.
6 For ever and for ever is,
O God, thy throne of might;
The sceptre of thy kingdom is
a sceptre that is right.
7 Thou lovest right, and hatest ill;
for God, thy God, most high,
Above thy fellows hath with th' oil
of joy anointed thee.
8 Of aloes, myrrh, and cassia,
a smell thy garments had,
Out of the iv'ry palaces,
whereby they made thee glad.
9 Among thy women honourable
kings' daughters were at hand:
Upon thy right hand did the queen
in gold of Ophir stand.
10 O daughter, hearken and regard,
and do thine ear incline;
Likewise forget thy father's house,
and people that are thine.
11 Then of the King desir'd shall be
thy beauty veh'mently:
Because he is thy Lord, do thou
him worship rev'rently.
12 The daughter there of Tyre shall be
with gifts and off'rings great:
Those of the people that are rich
thy favour shall entreat.
13 Behold, the daughter of the King
all glorious is within;
And with embroideries of gold
her garments wrought have been.
14 She shall be brought unto the King
in robes with needle wrought;
Her fellow virgins following
shall unto thee be brought.
15 They shall be brought with gladness
and mirth on ev'ry side, [great,
Into the palace of the King,
and there they shall abide.
16 Instead of those thy fathers dear,
thy children thou may'st take,
And in all places of the earth
them noble princes make.
17 Thy name remember'd I will make
through ages all to be:
The people therefore evermore
shall praises give to thee.

Another of the same.

1 MY heart inditing is
good matter in a song:
I speak the things that I have made,
which to the King belong:
My tongue shall be as quick,
his honour to indite,
As is the pen of any scribe
that useth fast to write.
2 Thou'rt fairest of all men;
grace in thy lips doth flow:
And therefore blessings evermore
on thee doth God bestow.
3 Thy sword gird on thy thigh,
thou that art most of might:
Appear in dreadful majesty,
and in thy glory bright.
4 For meekness, truth, and right,
ride prosp'rously in state;
And thy right hand shall teach to thee
things terrible and great.
5 Thy shafts shall pierce their hearts
that foes are to the King;
Whereby into subjection
the people thou shalt bring.
6 Thy royal seat, O Lord,
for ever shall remain:
The sceptre of thy kingdom doth
all righteousness maintain.
7 Thou lov'st right, and hat'st ill;
for God, thy God, most high,
Above thy fellows hath with th' oil
of joy anointed thee.
8 Of myrrh and spices sweet
a smell thy garments had,
Out of the iv'ry palaces,
whereby they made thee glad

9 And in thy glorious train
kings' daughters waiting stand;
And thy fair queen, in Ophir gold,
doth stand at thy right hand.

10 O daughter, take good heed,
incline, and give good ear;
Thou must forget thy kindred all,
and father's house most dear.

11 Thy beauty to the King
shall then delightful be:
And do thou humbly worship him,
because thy Lord is he.

12 The daughter then of Tyre
there with a gift shall be,
And all the wealthy of the land
shall make their suit to thee.

13 The daughter of the King
all glorious is within;
And with embroideries of gold
her garments wrought have been.

14 She cometh to the King
in robes with needle wrought;
The virgins that do follow her
shall unto thee be brought.

15 They shall be brought with joy,
and mirth on ev'ry side,
Into the palace of the King,
and there they shall abide.

16 And in thy fathers' stead,
thy children thou may'st take,
And in all places of the earth
them noble princes make.

17 I will shew forth thy name
to generations all:
Therefore the people evermore
to thee give praises shall.

PSALM XLVI.

1 GOD is our refuge and our strength,
in straits a present aid;

2 Therefore, although the earth remove,
we will not be afraid:
Though hills amidst the seas be cast;

3 Though waters roaring make,
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
by swelling seas do shake.

4 A river is, whose streams do glad
the city of our God;
The holy place, wherein the Lord
most high hath his abode.

5 God in the midst of her doth dwell;
nothing shall her remove:
The Lord to her an helper will,
and that right early, prove.

6 The heathen rag'd tumultuously,
the kingdoms moved were:
The Lord God uttered his voice,
the earth did melt for fear.

7 The Lord of hosts upon our side
doth constantly remain:
The God of Jacob's our refuge,
us safely to maintain.

8 Come, and behold what wondrous works
have by the Lord been wrought;
Come, see what desolations
he on the earth hath brought.

9 Unto the ends of all the earth
wars into peace he turns:
The bow he breaks, the spear he cuts,
in fire the chariot burns.

10 Be still, and know that I am God;
among the heathen I
Will be exalted; I on earth
will be exalted high.

11 Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
is still upon our side;
The God of Jacob our refuge
for ever will abide.

PSALM XLVII.

1 ALL people, clap your hands; to God
with voice of triumph shout:

2 For dreadful is the Lord most high,
great King the earth throughout.

3 The heathen people under us
he surely shall subdue;
And he shall make the nations
under our feet to bow.

4 The lot of our inheritance
chuse out for us shall he,
Of Jacob, whom he loved well,
ev'n the excellency.

5 God is with shouts gone up, the Lord
with trumpets sounding high.

6 Sing praise to God, sing praise, sing
praise to our King sing ye. [praise,

7 For God is King of all the earth;
with knowledge praise express.

8 God rules the nations: God sits on
his throne of holiness.

9 The princes of the people are
assembled willingly;
Ev'n of the God of Abraham
they who the people be.
For why? the shields that do defend
the earth are only his:
They to the Lord belong; yea, he
exalted greatly is.

PSALM XLVIII.

1 GREAT is the Lord, and greatly he
is to be praised still,
Within the city of our God,
upon his holy hill.

2 Mount Sion stands most beautiful,
the joy of all the land;
The city of the mighty King
on her north side doth stand.

3 The Lord within her palaces
is for a refuge known.

4 For, lo, the kings that gather'd were
together, by have gone.

5 But when they did behold the same,
they, wond'ring, would not stay;
But, being troubled at the sight,
they thence did haste away.

6 Great terror there took hold on them,
they were possess'd with fear;
Their grief came like a woman's pain,
when she a child doth bear.
7 Thou Tarshish ships with east wind
8 As we have heard it told, [break'st:
So, in the city of the Lord,
our eyes did it behold;
In our God's city, which his hand
for ever stablish will.
9 We of thy loving-kindness thought,
Lord, in thy temple still.
10 O Lord, according to thy name,
through all the earth's thy praise;
And thy right hand, O Lord, is full
of righteousness always.
11 Because thy judgments are made known,
let Sion mount rejoice;
Of Judah let the daughters all
send forth a cheerful voice.
12 Walk about Sion, and go round;
the high tow'rs thereof tell:
13 Consider ye her palaces,
and mark her bulwarks well;
That ye may tell posterity.
14 For this God doth abide
Our God for evermore; he will
ev'n unto death us guide.

PSALM XLIX.

1 HEAR this, all people, and give ear,
all in the world that dwell;
2 Both low and high, both rich and poor.
3 My mouth shall wisdom tell:
My heart shall knowledge meditate.
4 I will incline mine ear
To parables, and on the harp
my sayings dark declare.
5 Amidst those days that evil be,
why should I, fearing, doubt?
When of my heels th' iniquity
shall compass me about.
6 Whoe'er they be that in their wealth
their confidence do pitch,
And boast themselves, because they are
become exceeding rich:
7 Yet none of these his brother can
redeem by any way;
Nor can he unto God for him
sufficient ransom pay,
8 (Their soul's redemption precious is,
and it can never be,)
9 That still he should for ever live,
and not corruption see.
10 For why? he seeth that wise men die,
and brutish fools also
Do perish; and their wealth, when
to others they let go. [dead,
11 Their inward thought is, that their
and dwelling-places shall [house
Stand through all ages; they their lands
by their own names do call.
12 But yet in honour shall not man
abide continually;
But passing hence, may be compar'd
unto the beasts that die.
13 Thus brutish folly plainly is
their wisdom and their way;
Yet their posterity approve
what they do fondly say.
14 Like sheep they in the grave are laid,
and death shall them devour;
And in the morning upright men
shall over them have pow'r:
Their beauty from their dwelling shall
consume within the grave.
15 But from hell's hand God will me free,
for he shall me receive.
16 Be thou not then afraid when one
enriched thou dost see,
Nor when the glory of his house
advanced is on high:
17 For he shall carry nothing hence
when death his days doth end;
Nor shall his glory after him
into the grave descend.
18 Although he his own soul did bless
whilst he on earth did live;
(And when thou to thyself dost well,
men will thee praises give;)
19 He to his fathers' race shall go,
they never shall see light.
20 Man honour'd wanting knowledge is
like beasts that perish quite.

PSALM L.

1 THE mighty God, the Lord,
hath spoken, and did call
The earth, from rising of the sun,
to where he hath his fall.
2 From out of Sion hill,
which of excellency
And beauty the perfection is,
God shined gloriously.
3 Our God shall surely come,
keep silence shall not he:
Before him fire shall waste, great
shall round about him be. [storms
4 Unto the heavens clear
he from above shall call,
And to the earth likewise, that he
may judge his people all.
5 Together let my saints
unto me gather'd be,
Those that by sacrifice have made
a covenant with me.
6 And then the heavens shall
his righteousness declare;
Because the Lord himself is he
by whom men judged are.
7 My people Isr'el hear,
speak will I from on high,
Against thee I will testify;
God, ev'n thy God, am I.

8 I for thy sacrifice
no blame will on thee lay,
Nor for burnt-off'rings, which to me
thou offer'dst ev'ry day.
9 I'll take no calf nor goats
from house or fold of thine:
10 For beasts of forests, cattle all
on thousand hills, are mine.
11 The fowls on mountains high
are all to me well known;
Wild beasts which in the fields do lie,
ev'n they are all mine own.
12 Then, if I hungry were,
I would not tell it thee;
Because the world, and fulness all
thereof, belongs to me.
13 Will I eat flesh of bulls?
or goats' blood drink will I?
14 Thanks offer thou to God, and pay
thy vows to the most High.
15 And call upon me when
in trouble thou shalt be;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name shalt glorify.
16 But to the wicked man
God saith, My laws and truth
Should'st thou declare? how dar'st thou
my cov'nant in thy mouth? [take
17 Sith thou instruction hat'st,
which should thy ways direct;
And sith my words behind thy back
thou cast'st, and dost reject.
18 When thou a thief didst see,
with him thou didst consent;
And with the vile adulterers
partaker on thou went.
19 Thou giv'st thy mouth to ill,
thy tongue deceit doth frame;
20 Thou sitt'st, and 'gainst thy brother
thy mother's son dost shame. [speak'st,
21 Because I silence kept,
while thou these things hast wrought;
That I was altogether like
thyself, hath been thy thought:
Yet I will thee reprove,
and set before thine eyes,
In order ranked, thy misdeeds,
and thine iniquities.
22 Now, ye that God forget,
this carefully consider;
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
and none can you deliver.
23 Whoso doth offer praise
me glorifies; and I
Will shew him God's salvation,
that orders right his way.

Another of the same.

1 THE mighty God, the Lord, hath
and call'd the earth upon, [spoke,
Ev'n from the rising of the sun
unto his going down.
2 From out of Sion, his own hill,
where the perfection high
Of beauty is, from thence the Lord
hath shined gloriously.
3 Our God shall come, and shall no more
be silent, but speak out:
Before him fire shall waste, great storms
shall compass him about.
4 He to the heavens from above,
and to the earth below,
Shall call, that he his judgments may
before his people show.
5 Let all my saints together be
unto me gathered;
Those that by sacrifice with me
a covenant have made.
6 And then the heavens shall declare
his righteousness abroad:
Because the Lord himself doth come;
none else is judge but God.
7 Hear, O my people, and I'll speak;
O Israel by name,
Against thee I will testify;
God, ev'n thy God, I am.
8 I for thy sacrifices few
reprove thee never will,
Nor for burnt-off'rings to have been
before me offer'd still.
9 I'll take no bullock nor he-goats
from house nor folds of thine:
10 For beasts of forests, cattle all
on thousand hills, are mine
11 The fowls are all to me well known
that mountains high do yield;
And I do challenge as mine own
the wild beasts of the field.
12 If I were hungry, I would not
to thee for need complain;
For earth, and all its fulness, doth
to me of right pertain.
13 That I to eat the flesh of bulls
take pleasure dost thou think?
Or that I need, to quench my thirst,
the blood of goats to drink?
14 Nay, rather unto me, thy God,
thanksgiving offer thou:
To the most High perform thy word,
and fully pay thy vow:
15 And in the day of trouble great
see that thou call on me;
I will deliver thee, and thou
my name shalt glorify.
16 But God unto the wicked saith,
Why should'st thou mention make
Of my commands? how dar'st thou in
thy mouth my cov'nant take?
17 Sith it is so that thou dost hate
all good instruction;
And sith thou cast'st behind thy back,
and slight'st my words each one.

18 When thou a thief didst see, then straight
thou join'dst with him in sin,
And with the vile adulterers
thou hast partaker been.
19 Thy mouth to evil thou dost give,
thy tongue deceit doth frame.
20 Thou sitt'st, and 'gainst thy brother
thy mother's son to shame. [speak'st,
21 These things thou wickedly hast done,
and I have silent been:
Thou thought'st that I was like thyself,
and did approve thy sin:
But I will sharply thee reprove,
and I will order right
Thy sins and thy transgressions
in presence of thy sight.
22 Consider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord,
Lest I in pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.
23 Who off'reth praise me glorifies:
I will shew God's salvation
To him that ordereth aright
his life and conversation.

PSALM LI.

1 AFTER thy loving-kindness, Lord,
have mercy upon me:
For thy compassion's great, blot out
all mine iniquity.
2 Me cleanse from sin, and throughly wash
from mine iniquity:
3 For my transgressions I confess;
my sin I ever see.
4 'Gainst thee, thee only, have I sinn'd,
in thy sight done this ill;
That when thou speak'st thou may'st
and clear in judging still. [be just,
5 Behold, I in iniquity
was form'd the womb within;
My mother also me conceiv'd
in guiltiness and sin.
6 Behold, thou in the inward parts
with truth delighted art;
And wisdom thou shalt make me know
within the hidden part.
7 Do thou with hyssop sprinkle me,
I shall be cleansed so;
Yea, wash thou me, and then I shall
be whiter than the snow.
8 Of gladness and of joyfulness
make me to hear the voice;
That so these very bones which thou
hast broken may rejoice.
9 All mine iniquities blot out,
thy face hide from my sin.
10 Create a clean heart, Lord, renew
a right sp'rit me within.
11 Cast me not from thy sight, nor take
thy Holy Sp'rit away.
12 Restore me thy salvation's joy;
with thy free Sp'rit me stay.
13 Then will I teach thy ways unto
those that transgressors be;
And those that sinners are shall then
be turned unto thee.
14 O God, of my salvation God,
me from blood-guiltiness
Set free; then shall my tongue aloud
sing of thy righteousness.
15 My closed lips, O Lord, by thee
let them be opened;
Then shall thy praises by my mouth
abroad be published.
16 For thou desir'st not sacrifice,
else would I give it thee;
Nor wilt thou with burnt-offering
at all delighted be.
17 A broken spirit is to God
a pleasing sacrifice:
A broken and a contrite heart,
Lord, thou wilt not despise.
18 Shew kindness, and do good, O Lord,
to Sion, thine own hill:
The walls of thy Jerusalem
build up of thy good will. [please,
19 Then righteous off'rings shall thee
and off'rings burnt, which they
With whole burnt-off'rings, and with
shall on thine altar lay. [calves,

PSALM LII.

1 WHY dost thou boast, O mighty
of mischief and of ill? [man,
The goodness of Almighty God
endureth ever still.
2 Thy tongue mischievous calumnies
deviseth subtilely,
Like to a razor sharp to cut,
working deceitfully.
3 Ill more than good, and more than truth
thou lovest to speak wrong:
4 Thou lovest all-devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.
5 So God shall thee destroy for aye,
remove thee, pluck thee out
Quite from thy house, out of the land
of life he shall thee root.
6 The righteous shall it see, and fear,
and laugh at him they shall:
7 Lo, this the man is that did not
make God his strength at all:
But he in his abundant wealth
his confidence did place;
And he took strength unto himself
from his own wickedness.
8 But I am in the house of God
like to an olive green:
My confidence for ever hath
upon God's mercy been.
9 And I for ever will thee praise,
because thou hast done this:
I on thy name will wait; for good
before thy saints it is.

PSALM LIII.

1 THAT there is not a God, the fool
doth in his heart conclude:
They are corrupt, their works are vile,
not one of them doth good.
2 The Lord upon the sons of men
from heav'n did cast his eyes,
To see if any one there was
that sought God, and was wise.
3 They altogether filthy are,
they all are backward gone;
And there is none that doeth good,
no, not so much as one.
4 These workers of iniquity,
do they not know at all,
That they my people eat as bread,
and on God do not call?
5 Ev'n there they were afraid, and stood
with trembling, all dismay'd,
Whereas there was no cause at all
why they should be afraid:
For God his bones that thee besieg'd
hath scatter'd all abroad;
Thou hast confounded them, for they
despised are of God.
6 Let Isr'el's help from Sion come:
when back the Lord shall bring
His captives, Jacob shall rejoice,
and Israel shall sing.

PSALM LIV.

1 SAVE me, O God, by thy great name,
and judge me by thy strength:
2 My prayer hear, O God; give ear
unto my words at length.
3 For they that strangers are to me
do up against me rise;
Oppressors seek my soul, and God
set not before their eyes.
4 The Lord my God my helper is,
lo, therefore I am bold:
He taketh part with ev'ry one
that doth my soul uphold.
5 Unto mine enemies he shall
mischief and ill repay:
O for thy truth's sake cut them off,
and sweep them clean away.
6 I will a sacrifice to thee
give with free willingness;
Thy name, O Lord, because 'tis good,
with praise I will confess.
7 For he hath me delivered
from all adversities;
And his desire mine eye hath seen
upon mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

1 LORD, hear my pray'r, hide not
from my entreating voice: [thyself
2 Attend and hear me; in my plaint
I mourn and make a noise.
3 Because of th' en'my's voice, and for
lewd men's oppression great:
On me they cast iniquity,
and they in wrath me hate.
4 Sore pain'd within me is my heart:
death's terrors on me fall.
5 On me comes trembling, fear and dread
o'erwhelmed me withal.
6 O that I, like a dove, had wings,
said I, then would I flee
Far hence, that I might find a place
where I in rest might be.
7 Lo, then far off I wander would,
and in the desert stay;
8 From windy storm and tempest I
would haste to 'scape away.
9 O Lord, on them destruction bring,
and do their tongues divide;
For in the city violence
and strife I have espy'd.
10 They day and night upon the walls
do go about it round:
There mischief is, and sorrow there
in midst of it is found.
11 Abundant wickedness there is
within her inward part;
And from her streets deceitfulness
and guile do not depart.
12 He was no foe that me reproach'd,
then that endure I could;
Nor hater that did 'gainst me boast,
from him me hide I would.
13 But thou, man, who mine equal, guide,
and mine acquaintance wast:
14 We join'd sweet counsels, to God's house
in company we past.
15 Let death upon them seize, and down
let them go quick to hell;
For wickedness doth much abound
among them where they dwell.
16 I'll call on God: God will me save.
17 I'll pray, and make a noise
At ev'ning, morning, and at noon;
and he shall hear my voice.
18 He hath my soul delivered,
that it in peace might be
From battle that against me was;
for many were with me.
19 The Lord shall hear, and them afflict,
of old who hath abode:
Because they never changes have,
therefore they fear not God.
20 'Gainst those that were at peace with
he hath put forth his hand: [him
The covenant that he had made,
by breaking he profan'd.
21 More smooth than butter were his words,
while in his heart was war;
His speeches were more soft than oil,
and yet drawn swords they are.

22 Cast thou thy burden on the Lord,
and he shall thee sustain;
Yea, he shall cause the righteous man
unmoved to remain.
23 But thou, O Lord my God, those men
in justice shalt o'erthrow,
And in destruction's dungeon dark
at last shalt lay them low:
The bloody and deceitful men
shall not live half their days:
But upon thee with confidence
I will depend always.

PSALM LVI.

1 SHEW mercy, Lord, to me, for man
would swallow me outright;
He me oppresseth, while he doth
against me daily fight.
2 They daily would me swallow up
that hate me spitefully;
For they be many that do fight
against me, O most High.
3 When I'm afraid I'll trust in thee:
4 In God I'll praise his word;
I will not fear what flesh can do,
my trust is in the Lord.
5 Each day they wrest my words; their
'gainst me are all for ill. [thoughts
6 They meet, they lurk, they mark my
waiting my soul to kill. [steps,
7 But shall they by iniquity
escape thy judgments so?
O God, with indignation down
do thou the people throw.
8 My wand'rings all what they have been
thou know'st, their number took;
Into thy bottle put my tears:
are they not in thy book?
9 My foes shall, when I cry, turn back;
I know't, God is for me.
10 In God his word I'll praise; his word
in God shall praised be.
11 In God I trust; I will not fear
what man can do to me.
12 Thy vows upon me are, O God:
I'll render praise to thee.
13 Wilt thou not, who from death me sav'd,
my feet from falls keep free,
To walk before God in the light
of those that living be?

PSALM LVII.

1 BE merciful to me, O God;
thy mercy unto me
Do thou extend; because my soul
doth put her trust in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings
my refuge I will place,
Until these sad calamities
do wholly overpass.
2 My cry I will cause to ascend
unto the Lord most high;
To God, who doth all things for me
perform most perfectly.
3 From heav'n he shall send down, and me
from his reproach defend
That would devour me: God his truth
and mercy forth shall send.
4 My soul among fierce lions is,
I firebrands live among,
Men's sons, whose teeth are spears and
a sharp sword is their tongue. [darts,
5 Be thou exalted very high
above the heav'ns, O God;
Let thou thy glory be advanc'd
o'er all the earth abroad.
6 My soul's bow'd down; for they a net
have laid, my steps to snare:
Into the pit which they have digg'd
for me, they fallen are.
7 My heart is fix'd, my heart is fix'd,
O God; I'll sing and praise.
8 My glory wake; wake psalt'ry, harp;
myself I'll early raise.
9 I'll praise thee 'mong the people, Lord;
'mong nations sing will I:
10 For great to heav'n thy mercy is,
thy truth is to the sky.
11 O Lord, exalted be thy name
above the heav'ns to stand:
Do thou thy glory far advance
above both sea and land.

PSALM LVIII.

1 DO ye, O congregation,
indeed speak righteousness?
O ye that are the sons of men,
judge ye with uprightness?
2 Yea, ev'n within your very hearts
ye wickedness have done;
And ye the vi'lence of your hands
do weigh the earth upon.
3 The wicked men estranged are,
ev'n from the very womb;
They, speaking lies, do stray as soon
as to the world they come.
4 Unto a serpent's poison like
their poison doth appear;
Yea, they are like the adder deaf,
that closely stops her ear;
5 That so she may not hear the voice
of one that charm her would,
No, not though he most cunning were,
and charm most wisely could.
6 Their teeth, O God, within their mouth
break thou in pieces small;
The great teeth break thou out, O Lord,
of these young lions all.
7 Let them like waters melt away,
which downward still do flow:
In pieces cut his arrows all,
when he shall bend his bow.
8 Like to a snail that melts away,
let each of them be gone;
Like woman's birth untimely, that
they never see the sun.

9 He shall them take away before
your pots the thorns can find,
Both living, and in fury great,
as with a stormy wind.
10 The righteous, when he vengeance sees,
he shall be joyful then;
The righteous one shall wash his feet
in blood of wicked men.
11 So men shall say, The righteous man
reward shall never miss:
And verily upon the earth
a God to judge there is.

PSALM LIX.

1 MY God, deliver me from those
that are mine enemies;
And do thou me defend from those
that up against me rise.
2 Do thou deliver me from them
that work iniquity;
And give me safety from the men
of bloody cruelty.
3 For, lo, they for my soul lay wait:
the mighty do combine
Against me, Lord; not for my fault,
nor any sin of mine.
4 They run, and, without fault in me,
themselves do ready make:
Awake to meet me with thy help;
and do thou notice take.
5 Awake therefore, Lord God of hosts,
thou God of Israel,
To visit heathen all: spare none
that wickedly rebel.
6 At ev'ning they go to and fro;
they make great noise and sound,
Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.
7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth,
and in their lips are swords:
For they do say thus, Who is he
that now doth hear our words?
8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them,
and all the heathen mock.
9 While he's in pow'r I'll wait on thee;
for God is my high rock.
10 He of my mercy that is God
betimes shall me prevent;
Upon mine en'mies God shall let
me see mine heart's content.
11 Them slay not, lest my folk forget;
but scatter them abroad
By thy strong pow'r; and bring them
O thou our shield and God. [down,
12 For their mouth's sin, and for the words
that from their lips do fly,
Let them be taken in their pride,
because they curse and lie.
13 In wrath consume them, them consume,
that so they may not be:
And that in Jacob God doth rule
to th' earth's ends let them see.
14 At ev'ning let thou them return,
making great noise and sound,
Like to a dog, and often walk
about the city round.
15 And let them wander up and down,
in seeking food to eat;
And let them grudge when they shall not
be satisfy'd with meat.
16 But of thy pow'r I'll sing aloud;
at morn thy mercy praise:
For thou to me my refuge wast,
and tow'r, in troublous days.
17 O God, thou art my strength, I will
sing praises unto thee;
For God is my defence, a God
of mercy unto me.

PSALM LX.

1 O LORD, thou hast rejected us,
and scatter'd us abroad;
Thou justly hast displeased been;
return to us, O God.
2 The earth to tremble thou hast made;
therein didst breaches make:
Do thou thereof the breaches heal,
because the land doth shake.
3 Unto thy people thou hard things
hast shew'd, and on them sent;
And thou hast caused us to drink
wine of astonishment.
4 And yet a banner thou hast giv'n
to them who thee do fear;
That it by them, because of truth,
displayed may appear.
5 That thy beloved people may
deliver'd be from thrall,
Save with the pow'r of thy right hand,
and hear me when I call.
6 God in his holiness hath spoke;
herein I will take pleasure:
Shechem I will divide, and forth
will Succoth's valley measure.
7 Gilead I claim as mine by right;
Manasseh mine shall be;
Ephraim is of mine head the strength;
Judah gives laws for me;
8 Moab's my washing-pot; my shoe
I'll over Edom throw;
And over Palestina's land
I will in triumph go.
9 O who is he will bring me to
the city fortify'd?
O who is he that to the land
of Edom will me guide?
10 O God, which hadest us cast off,
this thing wilt thou not do?
Ev'n thou, O God, which didst not
forth with our armies go?
11 Help us from trouble; for the help
is vain which man supplies.
12 Through God we'll do great acts; he
tread down our enemies. [shall

PSALM LXI.

1 O GOD, give ear unto my cry;
unto my pray'r attend.
2 From th' utmost corner of the land
my cry to thee I'll send.
What time my heart is overwhelm'd,
and in perplexity,
Do thou me lead unto the Rock
that higher is than I.
3 For thou hast for my refuge been
a shelter by thy pow'r;
And for defence against my foes
thou hast been a strong tow'r.
4 Within thy tabernacle I
for ever will abide;
And under covert of thy wings
with confidence me hide.
5 For thou the vows that I did make,
O Lord my God, didst hear:
Thou hast giv'n me the heritage
of those thy name that fear.
6 A life prolong'd for many days
thou to the king shalt give;
Like many generations be
the years which he shall live.
7 He in God's presence his abode
for evermore shall have:
O do thou truth and mercy both
prepare, that may him save.
8 And so will I perpetually
sing praise unto thy name;
That having made my vows, I may
each day perform the same.

PSALM LXII.

1 MY soul with expectation
depends on God indeed;
My strength and my salvation doth
from him alone proceed.
2 He only my salvation is,
and my strong rock is he:
He only is my sure defence;
much mov'd I shall not be.
3 How long will ye against a man
plot mischief? ye shall all
Be slain; ye as a tott'ring fence
shall be, and bowing wall.
4 They only plot to cast him down
from his excellency:
They joy in lies; with mouth they bless,
but they curse inwardly.
5 My soul, wait thou with patience
upon thy God alone;
On him dependeth all my hope
and expectation.
6 He only my salvation is,
and my strong rock is he;
He only is my sure defence:
I shall not moved be.
7 In God my glory placed is,
and my salvation sure;
In God the rock is of my strength,
my refuge most secure.
8 Ye people, place your confidence
in him continually;
Before him pour ye out your heart:
God is our refuge high.
9 Surely mean men are vanity,
and great men are a lie;
In balance laid, they wholly are
more light than vanity.
10 Trust ye not in oppression,
in robb'ry be not vain;
On wealth set not your hearts, when as
increased is your gain.
11 God hath it spoken once to me,
yea, this I heard again,
That power to Almighty God
alone doth appertain.
12 Yea, mercy also unto thee
belongs, O Lord, alone:
For thou according to his work
rewardest ev'ry one.

PSALM LXIII.

1 LORD, thee my God, I'll early seek:
my soul doth thirst for thee;
My flesh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be:
2 That I thy power may behold,
and brightness of thy face,
As I have seen thee heretofore
within thy holy place.
3 Since better is thy love than life,
my lips thee praise shall give.
4 I in thy name will lift my hands,
and bless thee while I live.
5 Ev'n as with marrow and with fat
my soul shall filled be;
Then shall my mouth with joyful lips
sing praises unto thee:
6 When I do thee upon my bed
remember with delight,
And when on thee I meditate
in watches of the night.
7 In shadow of thy wings I'll joy;
for thou mine help hast been.
8 My soul thee follows hard; and me
thy right hand doth sustain.
9 Who seek my soul to spill shall sink
down to earth's lowest room.
10 They by the sword shall be cut off,
and foxes' prey become.
11 Yet shall the king in God rejoice,
and each one glory shall
That swear by him: but stopp'd shall be
the mouth of liars all.

PSALM LXIV.

1 WHEN I to thee my prayer make,
Lord, to my voice give ear;
My life save from the enemy,
of whom I stand in fear.
2 Me from their secret counsel hide
who do live wickedly;
From insurrection of those men
that work iniquity:

3 Who do their tongues with malice whet,
and make them cut like swords;
In whose bent bows are arrows set,
ev'n sharp and bitter words:
4 That they may at the perfect man
in secret aim their shot;
Yea, suddenly they dare at him
to shoot, and fear it not.
5 In ill encourage they themselves,
and their snares close do lay:
Together conference they have;
Who shall them see? they say.
6 They have search'd out iniquities,
a perfect search they keep:
Of each of them the inward thought,
and very heart, is deep.
7 God shall an arrow shoot at them,
and wound them suddenly:
8 So their own tongue shall them con-
all who them see shall fly. [found;
9 And on all men a fear shall fall,
God's works they shall declare;
For they shall wisely notice take
what these his doings are.
10 In God the righteous shall rejoice,
and trust upon his might;
Yea, they shall greatly glory all
in heart that are upright.

PSALM LXV.

1 PRAISE waits for thee in Sion, Lord:
to thee vows paid shall be.
2 O thou that hearer art of pray'r,
all flesh shall come to thee.
3 Iniquities, I must confess,
prevail against me do:
But as for our transgressions,
them purge away shalt thou.
4 Bless'd is the man whom thou dost
and mak'st approach to thee, [chuse,
That he within thy courts, O Lord,
may still a dweller be:
We surely shall be satisfy'd
with thy abundant grace,
And with the goodness of thy house,
ev'n of thy holy place.
5 O God of our salvation,
thou, in thy righteousness,
By fearful works unto our pray'rs
thine answer dost express:
Therefore the ends of all the earth,
and those afar that be
Upon the sea, their confidence,
O Lord, will place in thee.
6 Who, being girt with pow'r, sets fast
by his great strength the hills.
7 Who noise of seas, noise of their waves,
and people's tumult, stills.
8 Those in the utmost parts that dwell
are at thy signs afraid:
Th' outgoings of the morn and ev'n
by thee are joyful made.
9 The earth thou visit'st, wat'ring it;
thou mak'st it rich to grow
With God's full flood; thou corn pre-
when thou provid'st it so. [par'st,
10 Her rigs thou wat'rest plenteously,
her furrows settelest:
With show'rs thou dost her mollify,
her spring by thee is blest.
11 So thou the year most lib'rally
dost with thy goodness crown;
And all thy paths abundantly
on us drop fatness down.
12 They drop upon the pastures wide,
that do in deserts lie;
The little hills on ev'ry side
rejoice right pleasantly.
13 With flocks the pastures clothed be,
the vales with corn are clad;
And now they shout and sing to thee,
for thou hast made them glad.

PSALM LXVI.

1 ALL lands to God, in joyful sounds,
aloft your voices raise.
2 Sing forth the honour of his name,
and glorious make his praise.
3 Say unto God, How terrible
in all thy works art thou!
Through thy great pow'r thy foes to
shall be constrain'd to bow. [thee
4 All on the earth shall worship thee,
they shall thy praise proclaim
In songs: they shall sing cheerfully
unto thy holy name.
5 Come, and the works that God hath
with admiration see: [wrought
In's working to the sons of men
most terrible is he.
6 Into dry land the sea he turn'd,
and they a passage had;
Ev'n marching through the flood on
there we in him were glad. [foot,
7 He ruleth ever by his pow'r;
his eyes the nations see:
O let not the rebellious ones
lift up themselves on high.
8 Ye people, bless our God; aloud
the voice speak of his praise:
9 Our soul in life who safe preserves,
our foot from sliding stays.
10 For thou didst prove and try us, Lord,
as men do silver try;
11 Brought'st us into the net, and mad'st
bands on our loins to lie.
12 Thou hast caus'd men ride o'er our
and though that we did pass [heads;
Through fire and water, yet thou
us to a wealthy place. [brought'st
13 I'll bring burnt-off'rings to thy house;
to thee my vows I'll pay,
14 Which my lips utter'd, my mouth
when trouble on me lay. [spake,

15 Burnt-sacrifices of fat rams
with incense I will bring;
Of bullocks and of goats I will
present an offering.
16 All that fear God, come, hear, I'll tell
what he did for my soul.
17 I with my mouth unto him cry'd,
my tongue did him extol.

18 If in my heart I sin regard,
the Lord me will not hear:
19 But surely God me heard, and to
my prayer's voice gave ear.
20 O let the Lord, our gracious God,
for ever blessed be,
Who turned not my pray'r from him,
nor yet his grace from me.

PSALM LXVII.

1 LORD, bless and pity us,
shine on us with thy face:
2 That th' earth thy way, and nations all
may know thy saving grace.
3 Let people praise thee, Lord;
let people all thee praise.
4 O let the nations be glad,
in songs their voices raise:

Thou'lt justly people judge,
on earth rule nations all.
5 Let people praise thee, Lord; let them
praise thee, both great and small.
6 The earth her fruit shall yield,
our God shall blessing send.
7 God shall us bless; men shall him fear
unto earth's utmost end.

Another of the same.

1 LORD, unto us be merciful,
do thou us also bless;
And graciously cause shine on us
the brightness of thy face:
2 That so thy way upon the earth
to all men may be known;
Also among the nations all
thy saving health be shown.

3 O let the people praise thee, Lord;
let people all thee praise.
4 O let the nations be glad,
and sing for joy always:
For rightly thou shalt people judge,
and nations rule on earth.
5 Let people praise thee, Lord; let all
the folk praise thee with mirth.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase;
God, our God, bless us shall.
7 God shall us bless; and of the earth
the ends shall fear him all.

PSALM LXVIII.

1 LET God arise, and scattered
let all his en'mies be;
And let all those that do him hate
before his presence flee.

2 As smoke is driv'n, so drive thou them;
as fire melts wax away,
Before God's face let wicked men
so perish and decay.

3 But let the righteous be glad:
let them before God's sight
Be very joyful; yea, let them
rejoice with all their might.
4 To God sing, to his name sing praise;
extol him with your voice,
That rides on heav'n, by his name JAH,
before his face rejoice.

5 Because the Lord a father is
unto the fatherless;
God is the widow's judge, within
his place of holiness.
6 God doth the solitary set
in fam'lies: and from bands
The chain'd doth free; but rebels do
inhabit parched lands.

7 O God, what time thou didst go forth
before thy people's face;
And when through the great wilderness
thy glorious marching was;
8 Then at God's presence shook the earth,
then drops from heaven fell;
This Sinai shook before the Lord,
the God of Israel.

9 O God, thou to thine heritage
didst send a plenteous rain,
Whereby thou, when it weary was,
didst it refresh again.
10 Thy congregation then did make
their habitation there:
Of thine own goodness for the poor,
O God, thou didst prepare.

11 The Lord himself did give the word,
the word abroad did spread;
Great was the company of them
the same who published.
12 Kings of great armies foiled were,
and forc'd to flee away;
And women, who remain'd at home,
did distribute the prey.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots,
like doves ye shall appear,
Whose wings with silver, and with gold
whose feathers cover'd are.
14 When there th' Almighty scatter'd kings,
like Salmon's snow 'twas white.
15 God's hill is like to Bashan hill,
like Bashan hill for height.

16 Why do ye leap, ye mountains high?
this is the hill where God
Desires to dwell; yea, God in it
for aye will make abode.
17 God's chariots twenty thousand are,
thousands of angels strong;
In's holy place God is, as in
mount Sinai, them among.

18 Thou hast, O Lord, most glorious,
ascended up on high;
And in triumph victorious led
captive captivity:
Thou hast received gifts for men,
for such as did rebel;
Yea, ev'n for them, that God the Lord
in midst of them might dwell.

19 Bless'd be the Lord, who is to us
of our salvation God;
Who daily with his benefits
us plenteously doth load.
20 He of salvation is the God,
who is our God most strong;
And unto God the Lord from death
the issues do belong.

21 But surely God shall wound the head
of those that are his foes;
The hairy scalp of him that still
on in his trespass goes.
22 God said, My people I will bring
again from Bashan hill;
Yea, from the sea's devouring depths
them bring again I will;

23 That in the blood of enemies
thy foot imbru'd may be,
And of thy dogs dipp'd in the same
the tongues thou mayest see.
24 Thy goings they have seen, O God;
the steps of majesty
Of my God, and my mighty King,
within the sanctuary.

25 Before went singers, players next
on instruments took way;
And them among the damsels were
that did on timbrels play.
26 Within the congregations
bless God with one accord:
From Isr'el's fountain do ye bless
and praise the mighty Lord.

27 With their prince, little Benjamin,
princes and council there
Of Judah were, there Zabulon's
and Napht'li's princes were.
28 Thy God commands thy strength; make [strong
what thou wrought'st for us, Lord.
29 For thy house at Jerusalem
kings shall thee gifts afford.

30 The spearmen's host, the multitude
of bulls, which fiercely look,
Those calves which people have forth
O Lord our God, rebuke, [sent,
Till ev'ry one submit himself,
and silver pieces bring:
The people that delight in war
disperse, O God and King.

31 Those that be princes great shall then
come out of Egypt lands;
And Ethiopia to God
shall soon stretch out her hands.

32 O all ye kingdoms of the earth,
sing praises to this King;
For he is Lord that ruleth all,
unto him praises sing.
33 To him that rides on heav'ns of heav'ns,
which he of old did found;
Lo, he sends out his voice, a voice
in might that doth abound.
34 Strength unto God do ye ascribe;
for his excellency
Is over Israel, his strength
is in the clouds most high.
35 Thou'rt from thy temple dreadful, Lord;
Isr'el's own God is he,
Who gives his people strength and
O let God blessed be. [pow'r:

PSALM LXIX.

1 SAVE me, O God, because the floods
do so environ me,
That ev'n unto my very soul
come in the waters be.
2 I downward in deep mire do sink,
where standing there is none:
I am into deep waters come,
where floods have o'er me gone.
3 I weary with my crying am,
my throat is also dry'd;
Mine eyes do fail, while for my God
I waiting do abide.
4 Those men that do without a cause
bear hatred unto me,
Than are the hairs upon my head
in number more they be:
They that would me destroy, and are
mine en'mies wrongfully,
Are mighty: so what I took not,
to render forc'd was I.
5 Lord, thou my folly know'st, my sins
not cover'd are from thee.
6 Let none that wait on thee be sham'd,
Lord God of hosts, for me.
O Lord, the God of Israel,
let none, who search do make,
And seek thee, be at any time
confounded for my sake.
7 For I have borne reproach for thee,
my face is hid with shame.
8 To brethren strange, to mother's sons
an alien I became.
9 Because the zeal did eat me up,
which to thine house I bear;
And the reproaches cast at thee,
upon me fallen are.
10 My tears and fasts, t' afflict my soul,
were turned to my shame.
11 When sackcloth I did wear, to them
a proverb I became.
12 The men that in the gate do sit
against me evil spake;
They also that vile drunkards were,
of me their song did make.

13 But, in an acceptable time,
my pray'r, Lord, is to thee:
In truth of thy salvation, Lord,
and mercy great, hear me.

14 Deliver me out of the mire,
from sinking do me keep;
Free me from those that do me hate,
and from the waters deep.
15 Let not the flood on me prevail,
whose water overflows;
Nor deep me swallow, nor the pit
her mouth upon me close.

16 Hear me, O Lord, because thy love
and kindness is most good;
Turn unto me, according to
thy mercies' multitude.
17 Nor from thy servant hide thy face:
I'm troubled, soon attend.
18 Draw near my soul, and it redeem;
me from my foes defend.

19 To thee is my reproach well known,
my shame, and my disgrace:
Those that mine adversaries be
are all before thy face.
20 Reproach hath broke my heart; I'm full
of grief: I look'd for one
To pity me, but none I found;
comforters found I none.

21 They also bitter gall did give
unto me for my meat:
They gave me vinegar to drink,
when as my thirst was great.
22 Before them let their table prove
a snare; and do thou make
Their welfare and prosperity
a trap themselves to take.

23 Let thou their eyes so darken'd be,
that sight may them forsake;
And let their loins be made by thee
continually to shake.
24 Thy fury pour thou out on them,
and indignation;
And let thy wrathful anger, Lord,
fast hold take them upon.

25 All waste and desolate let be
their habitation;
And in their tabernacles all
inhabitants be none.
26 Because him they do persecute,
whom thou didst smite before;
They talk unto the grief of those
whom thou hast wounded sore.

27 Add thou iniquity unto
their former wickedness;
And do not let them come at all
into thy righteousness.
28 Out of the book of life let them
be raz'd and blotted quite;
Among the just and righteous
let not their names be writ.

29 But now become exceeding poor
and sorrowful am I:
By thy salvation, O my God,
let me be set on high.
30 The name of God I with a song
most cheerfully will praise;
And I, in giving thanks to him,
his name shall highly raise.
31 This to the Lord a sacrifice
more gracious shall prove
Than bullock, ox, or any beast
that hath both horn and hoof.
32 When this the humble men shall see,
it joy to them shall give:
O all ye that do seek the Lord,
your hearts shall ever live.
33 For God the poor hears, and will not
his prisoners contemn.
34 Let heav'n, and earth, and seas, him
and all that move in them. [praise,
35 For God will Judah's cities build,
and he will Sion save,
That they may dwell therein, and it
in sure possession have.
36 And they that are his servants' seed
inherit shall the same;
So shall they have their dwelling there
that love his blessed name.

PSALM LXX.

1 LORD, haste me to deliver;
with speed, Lord, succour me.
2 Let them that for my soul do seek
sham'd and confounded be:
Turn'd back be they, and sham'd,
that in my hurt delight.
3 Turn'd back be they, Ha, ha! that say,
their shaming to requite.
4 In thee let all be glad,
and joy that seek for thee:
Let them who thy salvation love
say still, God praised be.
5 I poor and needy am;
come, Lord, and make no stay:
My help thou and deliv'rer art;
O Lord, make no delay.

Another of the same.

1 MAKE haste, O God, me to preserve;
with speed, Lord, succour me.
2 Let them that for my soul do seek
sham'd and confounded be:
Let them be turned back, and sham'd,
that in my hurt delight.
3 Turn'd back be they, Ha, ha! that say,
their shaming to requite.
4 O Lord, in thee let all be glad,
and joy that seek for thee:
Let them who thy salvation love
say still, God praised be.
5 But I both poor and needy am;
come, Lord, and make no stay:
My help thou and deliv'rer art;
O Lord, make no delay.

PSALM LXXI.

1 O LORD, my hope and confidence
is plac'd in thee alone;
Then let thy servant never be
put to confusion.
2 And let me, in thy righteousness,
from thee deliv'rance have:
Cause me escape, incline thine ear
unto me, and me save.
3 Be thou my dwelling-rock, to which
I ever may resort:
Thou gav'st commandment me to save,
for thou'rt my rock and fort.
4 Free me, my God, from wicked hands,
hands cruel and unjust:
5 For thou, O Lord God, art my hope,
and from my youth my trust.
6 Thou from the womb didst hold me up;
thou art the same that me
Out of my mother's bowels took;
I ever will praise thee.
7 To many I a wonder am;
but thou'rt my refuge strong.
8 Fill'd let my mouth be with thy praise
and honour all day long.
9 O do not cast me off, when as
old age doth overtake me;
And when my strength decayed is,
then do not thou forsake me.
10 For those that are mine enemies
against me speak with hate;
And they together counsel take
that for my soul lay wait.
11 They said, God leaves him; him pursue
and take: none will him save.
12 Be thou not far from me, my God:
thy speedy help I crave.
13 Confound, consume them, that unto
my soul are enemies:
Cloth'd be they with reproach and shame
that do my hurt devise.
14 But I with expectation
will hope continually;
And yet with praises more and more
I will thee magnify.
15 Thy justice and salvation
my mouth abroad shall show,
Ev'n all the day; for I thereof
the numbers do not know.
16 And I will constantly go on
in strength of God the Lord;
And thine own righteousness, ev'n thine
alone, I will record.
17 For even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught;
And hitherto I have declar'd
the wonders thou hast wrought.
18 And now, Lord, leave me not, when I
old and gray-headed grow:
Till to this age thy strength and pow'r
to all to come I show.
19 And thy most perfect righteousness,
O Lord, is very high,
Who hast so great things done: O God,
who is like unto thee?
20 Thou, Lord, who great adversities,
and sore, to me didst show,
Shalt quicken, and bring me again
from depths of earth below.
21 My greatness and my pow'r thou wilt
increase, and far extend:
On ev'ry side against all grief
thou wilt me comfort send.
22 Thee, ev'n thy truth, I'll also praise,
my God, with psaltery:
Thou Holy One of Israel,
with harp I'll sing to thee.
23 My lips shall much rejoice in thee,
when I thy praises sound;
My soul, which thou redeemed hast,
in joy shall much abound.
24 My tongue thy justice shall proclaim,
continuing all day long;
For they confounded are, and sham'd,
that seek to do me wrong.

PSALM LXXII.

1 O LORD, thy judgments give the
his son thy righteousness. [king,
2 With right he shall thy people judge,
thy poor with uprightness.
3 The lofty mountains shall bring forth
unto the people peace;
Likewise the little hills the same
shall do by righteousness.
4 The people's poor ones he shall judge,
the needy's children save;
And those shall he in pieces break
who them oppressed have.
5 They shall thee fear, while sun and moon
do last, through ages all.
6 Like rain on mown grass he shall drop,
or showers on earth that fall.
7 The just shall flourish in his days,
and prosper in his reign:
He shall, while doth the moon endure,
abundant peace maintain.
8 His large and great dominion shall
from sea to sea extend:
It from the river shall reach forth
unto earth's utmost end.
9 They in the wilderness that dwell
bow down before him must;
And they that are his enemies
shall lick the very dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish, and the isles,
to him shall presents bring;
And unto him shall offer gifts
Sheba's and Seba's king.
11 Yea, all the mighty kings on earth
before him down shall fall;
And all the nations of the world
do service to him shall.

12 For he the needy shall preserve,
when he to him doth call;
The poor also, and him that hath
no help of man at all.
13 The poor man and the indigent
in mercy he shall spare;
He shall preserve alive the souls
of those that needy are.
14 Both from deceit and violence
their soul he shall set free;
And in his sight right precious
and dear their blood shall be.
15 Yea, he shall live, and giv'n to him
shall be of Sheba's gold:
For him still shall they pray, and he
shall daily be extoll'd.
16 Of corn an handful in the earth
on tops of mountains high,
With prosp'rous fruit shall shake, like
on Lebanon that be. [trees
The city shall be flourishing,
her citizens abound
In number shall, like to the grass
that grows upon the ground.
17 His name for ever shall endure;
last like the sun it shall:
Men shall be bless'd in him, and bless'd
all nations shall him call.
18 Now blessed be the Lord our God,
the God of Israel,
For he alone doth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.
19 And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity:
The whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.

PSALM LXXIII.

1 YET God is good to Israel,
to each pure-hearted one.
2 But as for me, my steps near slipp'd,
my feet were almost gone.
3 For I envious was, and grudg'd
the foolish folk to see,
When I perceiv'd the wicked sort
enjoy prosperity.
4 For still their strength continueth firm;
their death of bands is free.
5 They are not toil'd like other men,
nor plagu'd, as others be.
6 Therefore their pride, like to a chain,
them compasseth about;
And, as a garment, violence
doth cover them throughout.
7 Their eyes stand out with fat; they have
more than their hearts could wish.
8 They are corrupt; their talk of wrong
both lewd and lofty is.
9 They set their mouth against the heav'ns
in their blasphemous talk;
And their reproaching tongue through-
the earth at large doth walk. [out
10 His people oftentimes for this
look back, and turn about;
Sith waters of so full a cup
to these are poured out.
11 And thus they say, How can it be
that God these things doth know?
Or, Can there in the Highest be
knowledge of things below?
12 Behold, these are the wicked ones,
yet prosper at their will
In worldly things; they do increase
in wealth and riches still.
13 I verily have done in vain
my heart to purify;
To no effect in innocence
washed my hands have I.
14 For daily, and all day throughout,
great plagues I suffer'd have;
Yea, ev'ry morning I of new
did chastisement receive.
15 If in this manner foolishly
to speak I would intend,
Thy children's generation,
behold, I should offend.
16 When I this thought to know, it was
too hard a thing for me;
17 Till to God's sanctuary I went,
then I their end did see.
18 Assuredly thou didst them set
a slipp'ry place upon;
Them suddenly thou castedst down
into destruction.
19 How in a moment suddenly
to ruin brought are they!
With fearful terrors utterly
they are consum'd away.
20 Ev'n like unto a dream, when one
from sleeping doth arise;
So thou, O Lord, when thou awak'st,
their image shalt despise.
21 Thus grieved was my heart in me,
and me my reins opprest:
22 So rude was I, and ignorant,
and in thy sight a beast.
23 Nevertheless continually,
O Lord, I am with thee:
Thou dost me hold by my right hand,
and still upholdest me.
24 Thou, with thy counsel, while I live,
wilt me conduct and guide;
And to thy glory afterward
receive me to abide.
25 Whom have I in the heavens high
but thee, O Lord, alone?
And in the earth whom I desire
besides thee there is none.
26 My flesh and heart doth faint and fail,
but God doth fail me never:
For of my heart God is the strength
and portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee
for ever perish shall;
Them that a whoring from thee go
thou hast destroyed all.
28 But surely it is good for me
that I draw near to God:
In God I trust, that all thy works
I may declare abroad.

PSALM LXXIV.

1 O GOD, why hast thou cast us off?
is it for evermore?
Against thy pasture-sheep why doth
thine anger smoke so sore?
2 O call to thy rememberance
thy congregation,
Which thou hast purchased of old;
still think the same upon:
The rod of thine inheritance,
which thou redeemed hast,
This Sion hill, wherein thou hadst
thy dwelling in times past.
3 To these long desolations
thy feet lift, do not tarry;
For all the ills thy foes have done
within thy sanctuary.
4 Amidst thy congregations
thine enemies do roar:
Their ensigns they set up for signs
of triumph thee before.
5 A man was famous, and was had
in estimation,
According as he lifted up
his axe thick trees upon.
6 But all at once with axes now
and hammers they go to,
And down the carved work thereof
they break, and quite undo.
7 They fired have thy sanctuary,
and have defil'd the same,
By casting down unto the ground
the place where dwelt thy name.
8 Thus said they in their hearts, Let us
destroy them out of hand:
They burnt up all the synagogues
of God within the land.
9 Our signs we do not now behold;
there is not us among
A prophet more, nor any one
that knows the time how long.
10 How long, Lord, shall the enemy
thus in reproach exclaim?
And shall the adversary thus
always blaspheme thy name?
11 Thy hand, ev'n thy right hand of might,
why dost thou thus draw back?
O from thy bosom pluck it out
for our deliv'rance sake.
12 For certainly God is my King,
ev'n from the times of old,
Working in midst of all the earth
salvation manifold.
13 The sea, by thy great pow'r, to part
asunder thou didst make;
And thou the dragons' heads, O Lord,
within the waters brake.
14 The leviathan's head thou brak'st
in pieces, and didst give
Him to be meat unto the folk
in wilderness that live.
15 Thou clav'st the fountain and the flood,
which did with streams abound:
Thou dry'dst the mighty waters up
unto the very ground.
16 Thine only is the day, O Lord,
thine also is the night;
And thou alone prepared hast
the sun and shining light.
17 By thee the borders of the earth
were settled ev'ry where:
The summer and the winter both
by thee created were.
18 That th' enemy reproached hath,
O keep it in record;
And that the foolish people have
blasphem'd thy name, O Lord.
19 Unto the multitude do not
thy turtle's soul deliver:
The congregation of thy poor
do not forget for ever.
20 Unto thy cov'nant have respect;
for earth's dark places be
Full of the habitations
of horrid cruelty.
21 O let not those that be oppress'd
return again with shame:
Let those that poor and needy are
give praise unto thy name.
22 Do thou, O God, arise and plead
the cause that is thine own:
Remember how thou art reproach'd
still by the foolish one.
23 Do not forget the voice of those
that are thine enemies:
Of those the tumult ever grows
that do against thee rise.

PSALM LXXV.

1 TO thee, O God, do we give thanks,
we do give thanks to thee;
Because thy wondrous works declare
thy great name near to be.
2 I purpose, when I shall receive
the congregation,
That I shall judgment uprightly
render to ev'ry one.
3 Dissolved is the land, with all
that in the same do dwell;
But I the pillars thereof do
bear up, and stablish well.
4 I to the foolish people said,
Do not deal foolishly;
And unto those that wicked are,
Lift not your horn on high.

5 Lift not your horn on high, nor speak
6 with stubborn neck. But know,
That not from east, nor west, nor south,
promotion doth flow.
7 But God is judge; he puts down one,
and sets another up.
8 For in the hand of God most high
of red wine is a cup:
'Tis full of mixture, he pours forth,
and makes the wicked all
Wring out the bitter dregs thereof;
yea, and they drink them shall.
9 But I for ever will declare,
I Jacob's God will praise.
10 All horns of lewd men I'll cut off;
but just men's horns will raise.

PSALM LXXVI.

1 IN Judah's land God is well known,
his name's in Isr'el great:
2 In Salem is his tabernacle,
in Sion is his seat.
3 There arrows of the bow he brake,
the shield, the sword, the war.
4 More glorious thou than hills of prey,
more excellent art far.
5 Those that were stout of heart are spoil'd,
they slept their sleep outright;
And none of those their hands did find,
that were the men of might.
6 When thy rebuke, O Jacob's God,
had forth against them past,
Their horses and their chariots both
were in a dead sleep cast.
7 Thou, Lord, ev'n thou art he that should
be fear'd; and who is he
That may stand up before thy sight,
if once thou angry be?
8 From heav'n thou judgment caus'd be [heard;
the earth was still with fear,
9 When God to judgment rose, to save
all meek on earth that were.
10 Surely the very wrath of man
unto thy praise redounds:
Thou to the remnant of his wrath
wilt set restraining bounds.
11 Vow to the Lord your God, and pay:
all ye that near him be,
Bring gifts and presents unto him;
for to be fear'd is he.
12 By him the sp'rits shall be cut off
of those that princes are:
Unto the kings that are on earth
he fearful doth appear.

PSALM LXXVII.

1 UNTO the Lord I with my voice,
I unto God did cry;
Ev'n with my voice, and unto me
his ear he did apply.
2 I in my trouble sought the Lord,
my sore by night did run,
And ceased not; my grieved soul
did consolation shun.
3 I to remembrance God did call,
yet trouble did remain;
And overwhelm'd my spirit was,
whilst I did sore complain.
4 Mine eyes, debarr'd from rest and sleep,
thou makest still to wake;
My trouble is so great that I
unable am to speak.
5 The days of old to mind I call'd,
and oft did think upon
The times and ages that are past
full many years agone.
6 By night my song I call to mind,
and commune with my heart;
My sp'rit did carefully enquire
how I might ease my smart.
7 For ever will the Lord cast off,
and gracious be no more?
8 For ever is his mercy gone?
fails his word evermore?
9 Is't true that to be gracious
the Lord forgotten hath?
And that his tender mercies he
hath shut up in his wrath?
10 Then did I say, That surely this
is mine infirmity:
I'll mind the years of the right hand
of him that is most High.
11 Yea, I remember will the works
performed by the Lord:
The wonders done of old by thee
I surely will record.
12 I also will of all thy works
my meditation make;
And of thy doings to discourse
great pleasure I will take.
13 O God, thy way most holy is
within thy sanctuary;
And what God is so great in pow'r
as is our God most high?
14 Thou art the God that wonders dost
by thy right hand most strong:
Thy mighty pow'r thou hast declar'd
the nations among.
15 To thine own people with thine arm
thou didst redemption bring;
To Jacob's sons, and to the tribes
of Joseph that do spring.
16 The waters, Lord, perceived thee,
the waters saw thee well;
And they for fear aside did flee;
the depths on trembling fell.
17 The clouds in water forth were pour'd,
sound loudly did the sky;
And swiftly through the world abroad
thine arrows fierce did fly.
18 Thy thunder's voice alongst the heav'n
a mighty noise did make;
By lightnings lighten'd was the world,
th' earth tremble did and shake.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and in
the waters great thy path;
Yet are thy footsteps hid, O Lord;
none knowledge thereof hath.
20 Thy people thou didst safely lead,
like to a flock of sheep;
By Moses' hand and Aaron's thou
didst them conduct and keep.

PSALM LXXVIII.

1 ATTEND, my people, to my law;
thereto give thou an ear;
The words that from my mouth proceed
attentively do hear.
2 My mouth shall speak a parable,
and sayings dark of old;
3 The same which we have heard and
and us our fathers told. [known,
4 We also will them not conceal
from their posterity;
Them to the generation
to come declare will we:
The praises of the Lord our God,
and his almighty strength,
The wondrous works that he hath done,
we will shew forth at length.
5 His testimony and his law
in Isr'el he did place,
And charg'd our fathers it to show
to their succeeding race;
6 That so the race which was to come
might well them learn and know;
And sons unborn, who should arise,
might to their sons them show:
7 That they might set their hope in God,
and suffer not to fall
His mighty works out of their mind,
but keep his precepts all:
8 And might not, like their fathers, be
a stiff rebellious race;
A race not right in heart; with God
whose sp'rit not stedfast was.
9 The sons of Ephraim, who nor bows
nor other arms did lack,
When as the day of battle was,
they faintly turned back.
10 They brake God's cov'nant, and refus'd
in his commands to go:
11 His works and wonders they forgot,
which he to them did show.
12 Things marvellous he brought to pass;
their fathers them beheld
Within the land of Egypt done,
yea, ev'n in Zoan's field.
13 By him divided was the sea,
he caus'd them through to pass;
And made the waters so to stand,
as like an heap it was.
14 With cloud by day, with light of fire
all night, he did them guide.
15 In desert rocks he clave, and drink,
as from great depths, supply'd.
16 He from the rock brought streams, like
made waters to run down. [floods
17 Yet sinning more, in desert they
provok'd the highest One.
18 For in their heart they tempted God,
and, speaking with mistrust,
They greedily did meat require
to satisfy their lust.
19 Against the Lord himself they spake,
and, murmuring, said thus,
A table in the wilderness
can God prepare for us?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, and thence
came streams and waters great;
But can he give his people bread?
and send them flesh to eat?
21 The Lord did hear, and waxed wroth;
so kindled was a flame
'Gainst Jacob, and 'gainst Israel
up indignation came.
22 For they believ'd not God, nor trust
in his salvation had;
23 Though clouds above he did command,
and heav'n's doors open made,
24 And manna rain'd on them, and gave
them corn of heav'n to eat.
25 Man angels' food did eat; to them
he to the full sent meat.
26 And in the heaven he did cause
an eastern wind to blow;
And by his power he let out
the southern wind to go.
27 Then flesh as thick as dust he made
to rain down them among;
And feather'd fowls, like as the sand
which li'th the shore along.
28 At his command amidst their camp
these show'rs of flesh down fell,
All round about the tabernacles
and tents where they did dwell.
29 So they did eat abundantly,
and had of meat their fill;
For he did give to them what was
their own desire and will.
30 They from their lust had not estrang'd
their heart and their desire;
But while the meat was in their mouths,
which they did so require,
31 God's wrath upon them came, and slew
the fattest of them all;
So that the choice of Israel,
o'erthrown by death, did fall.
32 Yet, notwithstanding of all this,
they sinned still the more;
And though he had great wonders
believ'd him not therefore: [wrought,
33 Wherefore their days in vanity
he did consume and waste;
And by his wrath their wretched years
away in trouble past.

34 But when he slew them, then they did
to seek him shew desire;
Yea, they return'd, and after God
right early did enquire.
35 And that the Lord had been their Rock
they did remember then;
Ev'n that the high almighty God
had their Redeemer been.

36 Yet with their mouth they flatter'd him,
and spake but feignedly;
And they unto the God of truth
with their false tongues did lie.
37 For though their words were good, their
with him was not sincere; [heart
Unstedfast and perfidious
they in his cov'nant were.

38 But, full of pity, he forgave
their sin, them did not slay;
Nor stirr'd up all his wrath, but oft
his anger turn'd away.
39 For that they were but fading flesh
to mind he did recall;
A wind that passeth soon away,
and not returns at all.

40 How often did they him provoke
within the wilderness!
And in the desert did him grieve
with their rebelliousness!
41 Yea, turning back, they tempted God,
and limits set upon
Him, who in midst of Isr'el is
the only Holy One.

42 They did not call to mind his pow'r,
nor yet the day when he
Deliver'd them out of the hand
of their fierce enemy;
43 Nor how great signs in Egypt land
he openly had wrought;
What miracles in Zoan's field
his hand to pass had brought.

44 How lakes and rivers ev'ry where
he turned into blood;
So that nor man nor beast could drink
of standing lake or flood.
45 He brought among them swarms of
which did them sore annoy; [flies,
And divers kinds of filthy frogs
he sent them to destroy.

46 He to the caterpillar gave
the fruits of all their soil;
Their labours he deliver'd up
unto the locusts' spoil.
47 Their vines with hail, their sycamores
he with the frost did blast:
48 Their beasts to hail he gave; their
hot thunderbolts did waste. [flocks

49 Fierce burning wrath he on them cast,
and indignation strong,
And troubles sore, by sending forth
ill angels them among.

50 He to his wrath made way; their soul
from death he did not save;
But over to the pestilence
the lives of them he gave.

51 In Egypt land the first-born all
he smote down ev'ry where;
Among the tents of Ham, ev'n these
chief of their strength that were.
52 But his own people, like to sheep,
thence to go forth he made;
And he, amidst the wilderness,
them, as a flock, did lead.

53 And he them safely on did lead,
so that they did not fear;
Whereas their en'mies by the sea
quite overwhelmed were.
54 To borders of his sanctuary
the Lord his people led,
Ev'n to the mount which his right hand
for them had purchased.

55 The nations of Canaan,
by his almighty hand,
Before their face he did expel
out of their native land;
Which for inheritance to them
by line he did divide,
And made the tribes of Israel
within their tents abide.

56 Yet God most high they did provoke,
and tempted ever still;
And to observe his testimonies
did not incline their will:
57 But, like their fathers, turned back,
and dealt unfaithfully:
Aside they turned, like a bow
that shoots deceitfully.

58 For they to anger did provoke
him with their places high;
And with their graven images
mov'd him to jealousy.
59 When God heard this, he waxed wroth,
and much loath'd Isr'el then:
60 So Shiloh's tent he left, the tent
which he had plac'd with men.

61 And he his strength delivered
into captivity;
He left his glory in the hand
of his proud enemy.
62 His people also he gave o'er
unto the sword's fierce rage:
So sore his wrath inflamed was
against his heritage.

63 The fire consum'd their choice young
their maids no marriage had; [men;
64 And when their priests fell by the sword,
their wives no mourning made.
65 But then the Lord arose, as one
that doth from sleep awake;
And like a giant that, by wine
refresh'd, a shout doth make:

66 Upon his en'mies' hinder parts
he made his stroke to fall;
And so upon them he did put
a shame perpetual.
67 Moreover, he the tabernacle
of Joseph did refuse;
The mighty tribe of Ephraim
he would in no wise chuse:
68 But he did chuse Jehudah's tribe
to be the rest above;
And of mount Sion he made choice,
which he so much did love.
69 And he his sanctuary built
like to a palace high,
Like to the earth which he did found
to perpetuity.
70 Of David, that his servant was,
he also choice did make,
And even from the folds of sheep
was pleased him to take:
71 From waiting on the ewes with young,
he brought him forth to feed
Israel, his inheritance,
his people, Jacob's seed.
72 So after the integrity
he of his heart them fed;
And by the good skill of his hands
them wisely governed.

PSALM LXXIX.

1 O GOD, the heathen enter'd have
thine heritage; by them
Defiled is thy house: on heaps
they laid Jerusalem.
2 The bodies of thy servants they
have cast forth to be meat
To rav'nous fowls; thy dear saints'
they gave to beasts to eat. [flesh
3 Their blood about Jerusalem
like water they have shed;
And there was none to bury them
when they were slain and dead.
4 Unto our neighbours a reproach
most base become are we;
A scorn and laughingstock to them
that round about us be.
5 How long, Lord, shall thine anger last?
wilt thou still keep the same?
And shall thy fervent jealousy
burn like unto a flame?
6 On heathen pour thy fury forth,
that have thee never known,
And on those kingdoms which thy name
have never call'd upon.
7 For these are they who Jacob have
devoured cruelly;
And they his habitation
have caused waste to lie.
8 Against us mind not former sins;
thy tender mercies show;
Let them prevent us speedily,
for we're brought very low.
9 For thy name's glory help us, Lord,
who hast our Saviour been:
Deliver us; for thy name's sake,
O purge away our sin.
10 Why say the heathen, Where's their
let him to them be known; [God?
When those who shed thy servants'
are in our sight o'erthrown. [blood
11 O let the pris'ner's sighs ascend
before thy sight on high;
Preserve those in thy mighty pow'r
that are design'd to die.
12 And to our neighbours' bosom cause
it sev'n-fold render'd be,
Ev'n the reproach wherewith they have,
O Lord, reproached thee.
13 So we thy folk, and pasture-sheep,
shall give thee thanks always;
And unto generations all
we will shew forth thy praise.

PSALM LXXX.

1 HEAR, Isr'el's Shepherd! like a flock
thou that dost Joseph guide;
Shine forth, O thou that dost between
the cherubims abide.
2 In Ephraim's, and Benjamin's,
and in Manasseh's sight,
O come for our salvation;
stir up thy strength and might.
3 Turn us again, O Lord our God,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.
4 O Lord of hosts, almighty God,
how long shall kindled be
Thy wrath against the prayer made
by thine own folk to thee?
5 Thou tears of sorrow giv'st to them
instead of bread to eat;
Yea, tears instead of drink thou giv'st
to them in measure great.
6 Thou makest us a strife unto
our neighbours round about;
Our enemies among themselves
at us do laugh and flout.
7 Turn us again, O God of hosts,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.
8 A vine from Egypt brought thou hast,
by thine outstretched hand;
And thou the heathen out didst cast,
to plant it in their land.
9 Before it thou a room didst make,
where it might grow and stand;
Thou causedst it deep root to take,
and it did fill the land.
10 The mountains vail'd were with its
as with a covering; [shade,
Like goodly cedars were the boughs
which out from it did spring.

11 Upon the one hand to the sea
her boughs she did out send;
On th' other side unto the flood
her branches did extend.
12 Why hast thou then thus broken down
and ta'en her hedge away?
So that all passengers do pluck,
and make of her a prey.
13 The boar who from the forest comes
doth waste it at his pleasure;
The wild beast of the field also
devours it out of measure.
14 O God of hosts, we thee beseech,
return now unto thine;
Look down from heav'n in love, behold,
and visit this thy vine:
15 This vineyard, which thine own right hand
hath planted us among; [hand
And that same branch, which for thyself
thou hast made to be strong.
16 Burnt up it is with flaming fire,
it also is cut down:
They utterly are perished
when as thy face doth frown.
17 O let thy hand be still upon
the Man of thy right hand,
The Son of man, whom for thyself
thou madest strong to stand.
18 So henceforth we will not go back,
nor turn from thee at all:
O do thou quicken us, and we
upon thy name will call.
19 Turn us again, Lord God of hosts,
and upon us vouchsafe
To make thy countenance to shine,
and so we shall be safe.

PSALM LXXXI.

1 SING loud to God our strength; with joy
to Jacob's God do sing. [joy
2 Take up a psalm, the pleasant harp,
timbrel and psalt'ry bring.
3 Blow trumpets at new-moon, what day
our feast appointed is:
4 For charge to Isr'el, and a law
of Jacob's God was this.
5 To Joseph this a testimony
he made, when Egypt land
He travell'd through, where speech I heard
I did not understand. [heard
6 His shoulder I from burdens took,
his hands from pots did free.
7 Thou didst in trouble on me call,
and I deliver'd thee:
In secret place of thundering
I did thee answer make;
And at the streams of Meribah
of thee a proof did take.
8 O thou, my people, give an ear,
I'll testify to thee;
To thee, O Isr'el, if thou wilt
but hearken unto me.
9 In midst of thee there shall not be
any strange god at all;
Nor unto any god unknown
thou bowing down shalt fall.
10 I am the Lord thy God, which did
from Egypt land thee guide;
I'll fill thy mouth abundantly,
do thou it open wide.
11 But yet my people to my voice
would not attentive be;
And ev'n my chosen Israel
he would have none of me.
12 So to the lust of their own hearts
I them delivered;
And then in counsels of their own
they vainly wandered.
13 O that my people had me heard,
Isr'el my ways had chose!
14 I had their en'mies soon subdu'd,
my hand turn'd on their foes.
15 The haters of the Lord to him
submission should have feign'd;
But as for them, their time should have
for evermore remain'd.
16 He should have also fed them with
the finest of the wheat;
Of honey from the rock thy fill
I should have made thee eat.

PSALM LXXXII.

1 IN gods' assembly God doth stand;
he judgeth gods among.
2 How long, accepting persons vile,
will ye give judgment wrong?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless;
to poor oppress'd do right.
4 The poor and needy ones set free;
rid them from ill men's might.
5 They know not, nor will understand;
in darkness they walk on:
All the foundations of the earth
out of their course are gone.
6 I said that ye are gods, and are
sons of the Highest all:
7 But ye shall die like men, and as
one of the princes fall.
8 O God, do thou raise up thyself,
the earth to judgment call:
For thou, as thine inheritance,
shalt take the nations all.

PSALM LXXXIII.

1 KEEP not, O God, we thee entreat,
O keep not silence now:
Do thou not hold thy peace, O God,
and still no more be thou.
2 For, lo, thine enemies a noise
tumultuously have made;
And they that haters are of thee
have lifted up the head.
3 Against thy chosen people they
do crafty counsel take;
And they against thy hidden ones
do consultations make.

4 Come, let us cut them off, said they,
from being a nation,
That of the name of Isr'el may
no more be mention.
5 For with joint heart they plot, in league
against thee they combine.
6 The tents of Edom, Ishm'elites,
Moab's and Hagar's line;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, Amalek,
Philistines, those of Tyre;
8 And Assur join'd with them, to help
Lot's children they conspire.
9 Do to them as to Midian,
Jabin at Kison strand;
10 And Sis'ra, which at En-dor fell,
as dung to fat the land.
11 Like Oreb and like Zeeb make
their noble men to fall;
Like Zeba and Zalmunna like,
make thou their princes all;
12 Who said, For our possession
let us God's houses take.
13 My God, them like a wheel, as chaff
before the wind, them make.
14 As fire consumes the wood, as flame
doth mountains set on fire,
15 Chase and affright them with the storm
and tempest of thine ire.
16 Their faces fill with shame, O Lord,
that they may seek thy name.
17 Let them confounded be, and vex'd,
and perish in their shame:
18 That men may know that thou, to whom
alone doth appertain
The name JEHOVAH, dost most high
o'er all the earth remain.

PSALM LXXXIV.

1 HOW lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace
how pleasant, Lord, they be!
2 My thirsty soul longs veh'mently,
yea faints, thy courts to see:
My very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.
3 Behold, the sparrow findeth out
an house wherein to rest;
The swallow also for herself
hath purchased a nest;
Ev'n thine own altars, where she safe
her young ones forth may bring,
O thou almighty Lord of hosts,
who art my God and King.
4 Bless'd are they in thy house that dwell,
they ever give thee praise.
5 Bless'd is the man whose strength thou
in whose heart are thy ways: [art,
6 Who passing thorough Baca's vale,
therein do dig up wells;
Also the rain that falleth down
the pools with water fills.
7 So they from strength unwearied go
still forward unto strength,
Until in Sion they appear
before the Lord at length.
8 Lord God of hosts, my prayer hear;
O Jacob's God, give ear.
9 See God our shield, look on the face
of thine anointed dear.
10 For in thy courts one day excels
a thousand; rather in
My God's house will I keep a door,
than dwell in tents of sin.
11 For God the Lord's a sun and shield:
he'll grace and glory give;
And will withhold no good from them
that uprightly do live.
12 O thou that art the Lord of hosts,
that man is truly blest,
Who by assured confidence
on thee alone doth rest.

PSALM LXXXV.

1 O LORD, thou hast been favourable
to thy beloved land:
Jacob's captivity thou hast
recall'd with mighty hand.
2 Thou pardoned thy people hast
all their iniquities;
Thou all their trespasses and sins
hast cover'd from thine eyes.
3 Thou took'st off all thine ire, and turn'dst
from thy wrath's furiousness.
4 Turn us, God of our health, and cause
thy wrath 'gainst us to cease.
5 Shall thy displeasure thus endure
against us without end?
Wilt thou to generations all
thine anger forth extend?
6 That in thee may thy people joy,
wilt thou not us revive?
7 Shew us thy mercy, Lord, to us
do thy salvation give.
8 I'll hear what God the Lord will speak:
to his folk he'll speak peace,
And to his saints; but let them not
return to foolishness.
9 To them that fear him surely near
is his salvation;
That glory in our land may have
her habitation.
10 Truth met with mercy, righteousness
and peace kiss'd mutually:
11 Truth springs from earth, and righteous-
looks down from heaven high. [ness
12 Yea, what is good the Lord shall give;
our land shall yield increase:
13 Justice, to set us in his steps,
shall go before his face.

PSALM LXXXVI.

1 O LORD, do thou bow down thine
and hear me graciously; [ear,
Because I sore afflicted am,
and am in poverty.

2 Because I'm holy, let my soul
by thee preserved be:
O thou my God, thy servant save,
that puts his trust in thee.
3 Sith unto thee I daily cry,
be merciful to me.
4 Rejoice thy servant's soul; for, Lord,
I lift my soul to thee.
5 For thou art gracious, O Lord,
and ready to forgive;
And rich in mercy, all that call
upon thee to relieve.
6 Hear, Lord, my pray'r; unto the voice
of my request attend:
7 In troublous times I'll call on thee;
for thou wilt answer send.
8 Lord, there is none among the gods
that may with thee compare;
And like the works which thou hast
not any work is there.
9 All nations whom thou mad'st shall
and worship rev'rently [come
Before thy face; and they, O Lord,
thy name shall glorify.
10 Because thou art exceeding great,
and works by thee are done
Which are to be admir'd; and thou
art God thyself alone.
11 Teach me thy way, and in thy truth,
O Lord, then walk will I;
Unite my heart, that I thy name
may fear continually.
12 O Lord my God, with all my heart
to thee I will give praise;
And I the glory will ascribe
unto thy name always:
13 Because thy mercy toward me
in greatness doth excel;
And thou deliver'd hast my soul
out from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud against me rise,
and vi'lent men have met,
That for my soul have sought; and thee
before them have not set.
15 But thou art full of pity, Lord,
a God most gracious,
Long-suffering, and in thy truth
and mercy plenteous.
16 O turn to me thy countenance,
and mercy on me have;
Thy servant strengthen, and the son
of thine own handmaid save.
17 Shew me a sign for good, that they
which do me hate may see,
And be asham'd; because thou, Lord,
didst help and comfort me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

1 UPON the hills of holiness
he his foundation sets.
2 God, more than Jacob's dwellings all,
delights in Sion's gates.
3 Things glorious are said of thee,
thou city of the Lord.
4 Rahab and Babel I, to those
that know me, will record:
Behold ev'n Tyrus, and with it
the land of Palestine,
And likewise Ethiopia;
this man was born therein.
5 And it of Sion shall be said,
This man and that man there
Was born; and he that is most High
himself shall stablish her.
6 When God the people writes, he'll count
that this man born was there.
7 There be that sing and play; and all
my well-springs in thee are.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

1 LORD God, my Saviour, day and
before thee cry'd have I. [night
2 Before thee let my prayer come;
give ear unto my cry.
3 For troubles great do fill my soul;
my life draws nigh the grave.
4 I'm counted with those that go down
to pit, and no strength have.
5 Ev'n free among the dead, like them
that slain in grave do lie;
Cut off from thy hand, whom no more
thou hast in memory.
6 Thou hast me laid in lowest pit,
in deeps and darksome caves.
7 Thy wrath lies hard on me, thou hast
me press'd with all thy waves.
8 Thou hast put far from me my friends,
thou mad'st them to abhor me;
And I am so shut up, that I
find no evasion for me.
9 By reason of affliction
mine eye mourns dolefully:
To thee, Lord, do I call, and stretch
my hands continually.
10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?
shall they rise, and thee bless?
11 Shall in the grave thy love be told?
in death thy faithfulness?
12 Shall thy great wonders in the dark,
or shall thy righteousness
Be known to any in the land
of deep forgetfulness?
13 But, Lord, to thee I cry'd; my pray'r
at morn prevent shall thee.
14 Why, Lord, dost thou cast off my soul,
and hid'st thy face from me?
15 Distress'd am I, and from my youth
I ready am to die;
Thy terrors I have borne, and am
distracted fearfully.
16 The dreadful fierceness of thy wrath
quite over me doth go:
Thy terrors great have cut me off,
they did pursue me so.

17 For round about me ev'ry day,
like water, they did roll:
And, gathering together, they
have compassed my soul.

18 My friends thou hast put far from me,
and him that did me love;
And those that mine acquaintance were
to darkness didst remove.

PSALM LXXXIX.

1 GOD's mercies I will ever sing;
and with my mouth I shall
Thy faithfulness make to be known
to generations all.

2 For mercy shall be built, said I,
for ever to endure;
Thy faithfulness, ev'n in the heav'ns,
thou wilt establish sure.

3 I with my chosen One have made
a cov'nant graciously;
And to my servant, whom I lov'd,
to David sworn have I;

4 That I thy seed establish shall
for ever to remain,
And will to generations all
thy throne build and maintain.

5 The praises of thy wonders, Lord,
the heav'ns shall express;
And in the congregation
of saints thy faithfulness.

6 For who in heaven with the Lord
may once himself compare?
Who is like God among the sons
of those that mighty are?

7 Great fear in meeting of the saints
is due unto the Lord;
And he of all about him should
with rev'rence be ador'd.

8 O thou that art the Lord of hosts,
what lord in mightiness
Is like to thee? who compass'd round
art with thy faithfulness.

9 Ev'n in the raging of the sea
thou over it dost reign;
And when the waves thereof do swell,
thou stillest them again.

10 Rahab in pieces thou didst break,
like one that slaughter'd is;
And with thy mighty arm thou hast
dispers'd thine enemies.

11 The heav'ns are thine, thou for thine
the earth dost also take; [own
The world, and fulness of the same,
thy pow'r did found and make.

12 The north and south from thee alone
their first beginning had;
Both Tabor mount and Hermon hill
shall in thy name be glad.

13 Thou hast an arm that's full of pow'r,
thy hand is great in might;
And thy right hand exceedingly
exalted is in height.

14 Justice and judgment of thy throne
are made the dwelling-place;
Mercy, accompany'd with truth,
shall go before thy face.

15 O greatly bless'd the people are
the joyful sound that know;
In brightness of thy face, O Lord,
they ever on shall go.

16 They in thy name shall all the day
rejoice exceedingly;
And in thy righteousness shall they
exalted be on high.

17 Because the glory of their strength
doth only stand in thee;
And in thy favour shall our horn
and pow'r exalted be.

18 For God is our defence; and he
to us doth safety bring:
The Holy One of Israel
is our almighty King.

19 In vision to thy Holy One
thou said'st, I help upon
A strong one laid; out of the folk
I rais'd a chosen one;

20 Ev'n David, I have found him out
a servant unto me;
And with my holy oil my King
anointed him to be.

21 With whom my hand shall stablish'd be;
mine arm shall make him strong.

22 On him the foe shall not exact,
nor son of mischief wrong.

23 I will beat down before his face
all his malicious foes;
I will them greatly plague who do
with hatred him oppose.

24 My mercy and my faithfulness
with him yet still shall be;
And in my name his horn and pow'r
men shall exalted see.

25 His hand and pow'r shall reach afar,
I'll set it in the sea;
And his right hand established
shall in the rivers be.

26 Thou art my Father, he shall cry,
thou art my God alone;
And he shall say, Thou art the Rock
of my salvation.

27 I'll make him my first-born, more high
than kings of any land.

28 My love I'll ever keep for him,
my cov'nant fast shall stand.

29 His seed I by my pow'r will make
for ever to endure;
And, as the days of heav'n, his throne
shall stable be and sure.

30 But if his children shall forsake
my laws, and go astray,
And in my judgments shall not walk,
but wander from my way;

31 If they my laws break, and do not
keep my commandements;
32 I'll visit then their faults with rods,
their sins with chastisements.
33 Yet I'll not take my love from him,
nor false my promise make.
34 My cov'nant I'll not break, nor change
what with my mouth I spake.

35 Once by my holiness I sware,
to David I'll not lie;
36 His seed and throne shall, as the sun,
before me last for aye.
37 It, like the moon, shall ever be
establish'd stedfastly;
And like to that which in the heav'n
doth witness faithfully.

38 But thou, displeased, hast cast off,
thou didst abhor and loathe;
With him that thine anointed is
thou hast been very wroth.
39 Thou hast thy servant's covenant
made void, and quite cast by;
Thou hast profan'd his crown, while it
cast on the ground doth lie.

40 Thou all his hedges hast broke down,
his strong holds down hast torn.
41 He to all passers-by a spoil,
to neighbours is a scorn.
42 Thou hast set up his foes' right hand;
mad'st all his en'mies glad:
43 Turn'd his sword's edge, and him to
in battle hast not made. [stand

44 His glory thou hast made to cease,
his throne to ground down cast;
45 Shorten'd his days of youth, and him
with shame thou cover'd hast.
46 How long, Lord, wilt thou hide thyself?
for ever, in thine ire?
And shall thine indignation
burn like unto a fire?

47 Remember, Lord, how short a time
I shall on earth remain:
O wherefore is it so that thou
hast made all men in vain?
48 What man is he that liveth here,
and death shall never see?
Or from the power of the grave
what man his soul shall free?

49 Thy former loving-kindnesses,
O Lord, where be they now?
Those which in truth and faithfulness
to David sworn hast thou?
50 Mind, Lord, thy servant's sad reproach;
how I in bosom bear
The scornings of the people all,
who strong and mighty are.

51 Wherewith thy raging enemies
reproach'd, O Lord, think on;
Wherewith they have reproach'd the
of thine anointed one. [steps

52 All blessing to the Lord our God
let be ascribed then:
For evermore so let it be.
Amen, yea, and amen.

PSALM XC.

1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-
in generations all. [place
2 Before thou ever had'st brought forth
the mountains great or small;
Ere ever thou hadst form'd the earth,
and all the world abroad;
Ev'n thou from everlasting art
to everlasting God.

3 Thou dost unto destruction
man that is mortal turn;
And unto them thou say'st, Again,
ye sons of men, return.
4 Because a thousand years appear
no more before thy sight
Than yesterday, when it is past,
or than a watch by night.

5 As with an overflowing flood
thou carry'st them away:
They like a sleep are, like the grass
that grows at morn are they.
6 At morn it flourishes and grows,
cut down at ev'n doth fade.
7 For by thine anger we're consum'd,
thy wrath makes us afraid.

8 Our sins thou and iniquities
dost in thy presence place,
And sett'st our secret faults before
the brightness of thy face.
9 For in thine anger all our days
do pass on to an end;
And as a tale that hath been told,
so we our years do spend.

10 Threescore and ten years do sum up
our days and years, we see;
Or if, by reason of more strength,
in some fourscore they be:
Yet doth the strength of such old men
but grief and labour prove;
For it is soon cut off, and we
fly hence, and soon remove.

11 Who knows the power of thy wrath?
according to thy fear
12 So is thy wrath: Lord, teach thou us
our end in mind to bear;
And so to count our days, that we
our hearts may still apply
To learn thy wisdom and thy truth,
that we may live thereby.

13 Turn yet again to us, O Lord,
how long thus shall it be?
Let it repent thee now for those
that servants are to thee.
14 O with thy tender mercies, Lord,
us early satisfy;
So we rejoice shall all our days,
and still be glad in thee.

15 According as the days have been,
wherein we grief have had,
And years wherein we ill have seen,
so do thou make us glad.
16 O let thy work and pow'r appear
thy servants' face before;
And shew unto their children dear
thy glory evermore:
17 And let the beauty of the Lord
our God be us upon:
Our handy-works establish thou,
establish them each one.

PSALM XCI.

1 HE that doth in the secret place
of the most High reside,
Under the shade of him that is
th' Almighty shall abide.
2 I of the Lord my God will say,
He is my refuge still,
He is my fortress, and my God,
and in him trust I will.
3 Assuredly he shall thee save,
and give deliverance
From subtile fowler's snare, and from
the noisome pestilence.
4 His feathers shall thee hide; thy trust
under his wings shall be:
His faithfulness shall be a shield
and buckler unto thee.
5 Thou shalt not need to be afraid
for terrors of the night;
Nor for the arrow that doth fly
by day, while it is light;
6 Nor for the pestilence, that walks
in darkness secretly;
Nor for destruction, that doth waste
at noon-day openly.
7 A thousand at thy side shall fall,
on thy right hand shall lie
Ten thousand dead; yet unto thee
it shall not once come nigh.
8 Only thou with thine eyes shalt look,
and a beholder be;
And thou therein the just reward
of wicked men shalt see.
9 Because the Lord, who constantly
my refuge is alone,
Ev'n the most-High, is made by thee
thy habitation;
10 No plague shall near thy dwelling come,
no ill shall thee befall:
11 For thee to keep in all thy ways
his angels charge he shall.
12 They in their hands shall bear thee up,
still waiting thee upon;
Lest thou at any time should'st dash
thy foot against a stone.
13 Upon the adder thou shalt tread,
and on the lion strong;
Thy feet on dragons trample shall,
and on the lions young.
14 Because on me he set his love,
I'll save and set him free;
Because my great name he hath known,
I will him set on high.
15 He'll call on me, I'll answer him;
I will be with him still
In trouble, to deliver him,
and honour him I will.
16 With length of days unto his mind
I will him satisfy;
I also my salvation
will cause his eyes to see.

PSALM XCII.

1 TO render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
And to thy name, O thou most High,
due praise aloud to sing.
2 Thy loving-kindness to shew forth
when shines the morning light;
And to declare thy faithfulness
with pleasure ev'ry night,
3 On a ten-stringed instrument,
upon the psaltery,
And on the harp with solemn sound,
and grave sweet melody.
4 For thou, Lord, by thy mighty works
hast made my heart right glad;
And I will triumph in the works
which by thine hands were made.
5 How great, Lord, are thy works! each
of thine a deep it is: [thought
6 A brutish man it knoweth not;
fools understand not this.
7 When those that lewd and wicked are
spring quickly up like grass,
And workers of iniquity
do flourish all apace;
It is that they for ever may
destroyed be and slain:
8 But thou, O Lord, art the most High,
for ever to remain.
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord,
thine en'mies perish shall;
The workers of iniquity
shall be dispersed all.
10 But thou shalt, like unto the horn
of th' unicorn, exalt
My horn on high: thou with fresh oil
anoint me also shalt.
11 Mine eyes shall also my desire
see on mine enemies;
Mine ears shall of the wicked hear,
that do against me rise.
12 But like the palm-tree flourishing
shall be the righteous one;
He shall like to the cedar grow
that is in Lebanon.
13 Those that within the house of God
are planted by his grace,
They shall grow up, and flourish all
in our God's holy place.

14 And in old age, when others fade,
they fruit still forth shall bring;
They shall be fat, and full of sap,
and aye be flourishing;
15 To shew that upright is the Lord:
he is a rock to me;
And he from all unrighteousness
is altogether free.

PSALM XCIII.

1 THE Lord doth reign, and cloth'd is
with majesty most bright; [he
His works do shew him cloth'd to be,
and girt about with might.
The world is also stablished,
that it cannot depart.
2 Thy throne is fix'd of old, and thou
from everlasting art.
3 The floods, O Lord, have lifted up,
they lifted up their voice;
The floods have lifted up their waves,
and made a mighty noise.
4 But yet the Lord, that is on high,
is more of might by far
Than noise of many waters is,
or great sea-billows are.
5 Thy testimonies ev'ry one
in faithfulness excel;
And holiness for ever, Lord,
thine house becometh well.

PSALM XCIV.

1 O LORD God, unto whom alone
all vengeance doth belong;
O mighty God, who vengeance own'st,
shine forth, avenging wrong.
2 Lift up thyself, thou of the earth
the sov'reign Judge that art;
And unto those that are so proud
a due reward impart.
3 How long, O mighty God, shall they
who lewd and wicked be,
How long shall they who wicked are
thus triumph haughtily?
4 How long shall things most hard by them
be uttered and told?
And all that work iniquity
to boast themselves be bold?
5 Thy folk they break in pieces, Lord,
thine heritage oppress:
6 The widow they and stranger slay,
and kill the fatherless.
7 Yet say they, God it shall not see,
nor God of Jacob know.
8 Ye brutish people! understand;
fools! when wise will ye grow?
9 The Lord did plant the ear of man,
and hear then shall not he?
He only form'd the eye, and then
shall he not clearly see?
10 He that the nations doth correct,
shall he not chastise you?
He knowledge unto man doth teach,
and shall himself not know?
11 Man's thoughts to be but vanity
the Lord doth well discern.
12 Bless'd is the man thou chast'nest, Lord,
and mak'st thy law to learn:
13 That thou may'st give him rest from days
of sad adversity,
Until the pit be digg'd for those
that work iniquity.
14 For sure the Lord will not cast off
those that his people be,
Neither his own inheritance
quit and forsake will he:
15 But judgment unto righteousness
shall yet return again;
And all shall follow after it
that are right-hearted men.
16 Who will rise up for me against
those that do wickedly?
Who will stand up for me 'gainst those
that work iniquity?
17 Unless the Lord had been my help
when I was sore opprest,
Almost my soul had in the house
of silence been at rest.
18 When I had uttered this word,
(my foot doth slip away,)
Thy mercy held me up, O Lord,
thy goodness did me stay.
19 Amidst the multitude of thoughts
which in my heart do fight,
My soul, lest it be overcharg'd,
thy comforts do delight.
20 Shall of iniquity the throne
have fellowship with thee,
Which mischief, cunningly contriv'd,
doth by a law decree?
21 Against the righteous souls they join,
they guiltless blood condemn.
22 But of my refuge God's the rock,
and my defence from them.
23 On them their own iniquity
the Lord shall bring and lay,
And cut them off in their own sin;
our Lord God shall them slay.

PSALM XCV.

1 O COME, let us sing to the Lord:
come, let us ev'ry one
A joyful noise make to the Rock
of our salvation.
2 Let us before his presence come
with praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to him with grace,
and make a joyful noise.
3 For God, a great God, and great King,
above all gods he is.
4 Depths of the earth are in his hand,
the strength of hills is his.
5 To him the spacious sea belongs,
for he the same did make;
The dry land also from his hands
its form at first did take.

6 O come, and let us worship him,
let us bow down withal,
And on our knees before the Lord
our Maker let us fall.
7 For he's our God, the people we
of his own pasture are,
And of his hand the sheep; to-day,
if ye his voice will hear,
8 Then harden not your hearts, as in
the provocation,
As in the desert, on the day
of the tentation:
9 When me your fathers tempt'd and
and did my working see; [prov'd,
10 Ev'n for the space of forty years
this race hath grieved me.
I said, This people errs in heart,
my ways they do not know:
11 To whom I sware in wrath, that to
my rest they should not go.

PSALM XCVI.

1 O SING a new song to the Lord:
sing all the earth to God.
2 To God sing, bless his name, shew still
his saving health abroad.
3 Among the heathen nations
his glory do declare;
And unto all the people show
his works that wondrous are.
4 For great's the Lord, and greatly he
is to be magnify'd;
Yea, worthy to be fear'd is he
above all gods beside.
5 For all the gods are idols dumb,
which blinded nations fear;
But our God is the Lord, by whom
the heavens created were.
6 Great honour is before his face,
and majesty divine;
Strength is within his holy place,
and there doth beauty shine.
7 Do ye ascribe unto the Lord,
of people ev'ry tribe,
Glory do ye unto the Lord,
and mighty pow'r ascribe.
8 Give ye the glory to the Lord
that to his name is due;
Come ye into his courts, and bring
an offering with you.
9 In beauty of his holiness,
O do the Lord adore;
Likewise let all the earth throughout
tremble his face before.
10 Among the heathen say, God reigns;
the world shall stedfastly
Be fix'd from moving; he shall judge
the people righteously.
11 Let heav'ns be glad before the Lord,
and let the earth rejoice;
Let seas, and all that is therein,
cry out, and make a noise.
12 Let fields rejoice, and ev'ry thing
that springeth of the earth:
Then woods and ev'ry tree shall sing
with gladness and with mirth
13 Before the Lord; because he comes,
to judge the earth comes he:
He'll judge the world with righteous-
the people faithfully. [ness,

PSALM XCVII.

1 GOD reigneth, let the earth be glad,
and isles rejoice each one.
2 Dark clouds him compass; and in right
with judgment dwells his throne.
3 Fire goes before him, and his foes
it burns up round about:
4 His lightnings lighten did the world;
earth saw, and shook throughout.
5 Hills at the presence of the Lord,
like wax, did melt away;
Ev'n at the presence of the Lord
of all the earth, I say.
6 The heav'ns declare his righteousness,
all men his glory see.
7 All who serve graven images,
confounded let them be.
Who do of idols boast themselves,
let shame upon them fall:
Ye that are called Gods, see that
ye do him worship all.
8 Sion did hear, and joyful was,
glad Judah's daughters were;
They much rejoic'd, O Lord, because
thy judgments did appear.
9 For thou, O Lord, art high above
all things on earth that are;
Above all other gods thou art
exalted very far.
10 Hate ill, all ye that love the Lord:
his saints' souls keepeth he;
And from the hands of wicked men
he sets them safe and free.
11 For all those that be righteous
sown is a joyful light,
And gladness sown is for all those
that are in heart upright.
12 Ye righteous, in the Lord rejoice;
express your thankfulness,
When ye into your memory
do call his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

1 O SING a new song to the Lord,
for wonders he hath done:
His right hand and his holy arm
him victory hath won.
2 The Lord God his salvation
hath caused to be known;
His justice in the heathen's sight
he openly hath shown.
3 He mindful of his grace and truth
to Isr'el's house hath been;
And the salvation of our God
all ends of th' earth have seen.

4 Let all the earth unto the Lord
send forth a joyful noise;
Lift up your voice aloud to him,
sing praises, and rejoice.
5 With harp, with harp, and voice of
unto JEHOVAH sing: [psalms,
6 With trumpets, cornets, gladly sound
before the Lord the King.
7 Let seas and all their fulness roar;
the world, and dwellers there;
8 Let floods clap hands, and let the hills
together joy declare
9 Before the Lord; because he comes,
to judge the earth comes he:
He'll judge the world with righteous-
his folk with equity. [ness,

PSALM XCIX.

1 TH' eternal Lord doth reign as king,
let all the people quake;
He sits between the cherubims,
let th' earth be mov'd and shake.
2 The Lord in Sion great and high
above all people is;
3 Thy great and dreadful name (for it
is holy) let them bless.
4 The king's strength also judgment loves;
thou settlest equity:
Just judgment thou dost execute
in Jacob righteously.
5 The Lord our God exalt on high,
and rev'rently do ye.
Before his footstool worship him:
the Holy One is he.
6 Moses and Aaron 'mong his priests,
Samuel, with them that call
Upon his name: these call'd on God,
and he them answer'd all.
7 Within the pillar of the cloud
he unto them did speak:
The testimonies he them taught,
and laws, they did not break.
8 Thou answer'dst them, O Lord our God;
thou wast a God that gave
Pardon to them, though on their deeds
thou wouldest vengeance have.
9 Do ye exalt the Lord our God,
and at his holy hill
Do ye him worship: for the Lord
our God is holy still.

PSALM C.

1 ALL people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth
Come ye before him and rejoice. [tell,
3 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
4 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.
5 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Another of the same.

1 O ALL ye lands unto the Lord
make ye a joyful noise.
2 Serve God with gladness, him before
come with a singing voice.
3 Know ye the Lord that he is God;
not we, but he us made:
We are his people, and the sheep
within his pasture fed.
4 Enter his gates and courts with praise,
to thank him go ye thither:
To him express your thankfulness,
and bless his name together.
5 Because the Lord our God is good,
his mercy faileth never;
And to all generations
his truth endureth ever.

PSALM CI.

1 I MERCY will and judgment sing,
Lord, I will sing to thee.
2 With wisdom in a perfect way
shall my behaviour be.
O when, in kindness unto me,
wilt thou be pleas'd to come?
I with a perfect heart will walk
within my house at home.
3 I will endure no wicked thing
before mine eyes to be:
I hate their work that turn aside,
it shall not cleave to me.
4 A stubborn and a froward heart
depart quite from me shall;
A person giv'n to wickedness
I will not know at all.
5 I'll cut him off that slandereth
his neighbour privily:
The haughty heart I will not bear,
nor him that looketh high.
6 Upon the faithful of the land
mine eyes shall be, that they
May dwell with me: he shall me serve
that walks in perfect way.
7 Who of deceit a worker is
in my house shall not dwell;
And in my presence shall he not
remain that lies doth tell.
8 Yea, all the wicked of the land
early destroy will I;
All from God's city to cut off
that work iniquity.

PSALM CII.

1 O LORD, unto my pray'r give ear,
my cry let come to thee;
2 And in the day of my distress
hide not thy face from me.

Give ear to me; what time I call,
to answer me make haste:
3 For, as an hearth, my bones are burnt,
my days, like smoke, do waste.

4 My heart within me smitten is,
and it is withered
Like very grass; so that I do
forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of my groaning voice
my bones cleave to my skin.
6 Like pelican in wilderness
forsaken I have been:

I like an owl in desert am,
that nightly there doth moan;
7 I watch, and like a sparrow am
on the house-top alone.
8 My bitter en'mies all the day
reproaches cast on me;
And, being mad at me, with rage
against me sworn they be.

9 For why, I ashes eaten have
like bread, in sorrows deep;
My drink I also mingled have
with tears that I did weep.
10 Thy wrath and indignation
did cause this grief and pain;
For thou hast lift me up on high,
and cast me down again.

11 My days are like unto a shade,
which doth declining pass;
And I am dry'd and withered,
ev'n like unto the grass.
12 But thou, Lord, everlasting art,
and thy remembrance shall
Continually endure, and be
to generations all.

13 Thou shalt arise, and mercy have
upon thy Sion yet;
The time to favour her is come,
the time that thou hast set.
14 For in her rubbish and her stones
thy servants pleasure take;
Yea, they the very dust thereof
do favour for her sake.

15 So shall the heathen people fear
the Lord's most holy name;
And all the kings on earth shall dread
thy glory and thy fame.
16 When Sion by the mighty Lord
built up again shall be,
In glory then and majesty
to men appear shall he.

17 The prayer of the destitute
he surely will regard;
Their prayer will he not despise,
by him it shall be heard.
18 For generations yet to come
this shall be on record:
So shall the people that shall be
created praise the Lord.

19 He from his sanctuary's height
hath downward cast his eye;
And from his glorious throne in heav'n
the Lord the earth did spy;
20 That of the mournful prisoner
the groanings he might hear,
To set them free that unto death
by men appointed are:

21 That they in Sion may declare
the Lord's most holy name,
And publish in Jerusalem
the praises of the same;
22 When as the people gather shall
in troops with one accord,
When kingdoms shall assembled be
to serve the highest Lord.

23 My wonted strength and force he hath
abated in the way,
And he my days hath shortened:
24 Thus therefore did I say,
My God, in mid-time of my days
take thou me not away:
From age to age eternally
thy years endure and stay.

25 The firm foundation of the earth
of old time thou hast laid;
The heavens also are the work
which thine own hands have made.
26 Thou shalt for evermore endure,
but they shall perish all;
Yea, ev'ry one of them wax old,
like to a garment, shall:

Thou, as a vesture, shalt them change,
and they shall changed be:
27 But thou the same art, and thy years
are to eternity.
28 The children of thy servants shall
continually endure;
And in thy sight, O Lord, their seed
shall be establish'd sure.

Another of the same.

1 LORD, hear my pray'r, and let my cry
Have speedy access unto thee;
2 In day of my calamity
O hide not thou thy face from me.
Hear when I call to thee; that day
An answer speedily return:
3 My days, like smoke, consume away,
And, as an hearth, my bones do burn.

4 My heart is wounded very sore,
And withered, like grass doth fade:
I am forgetful grown therefore
To take and eat my daily bread.
5 By reason of my smart within,
And voice of my most grievous groans,
My flesh consumed is, my skin,
All parch'd, doth cleave unto my bones.

6 The pelican of wilderness,
The owl in desert, I do match;
7 And, sparrow-like, companionless,
Upon the house's top, I watch.

8 I all day long am made a scorn,
Reproach'd by my malicious foes:
The madmen are against me sworn,
The men against me that arose.

9 For I have ashes eaten up,
To me as if they had been bread;
And with my drink I in my cup
Of bitter tears a mixture made.
10 Because thy wrath was not appeas'd,
And dreadful indignation:
Therefore it was that thou me rais'd,
And thou again didst cast me down.

11 My days are like a shade alway,
Which doth declining swiftly pass;
And I am withered away,
Much like unto the fading grass.
12 But thou, O Lord, shalt still endure,
From change and all mutation free,
And to all generations sure
Shall thy remembrance ever be.

13 Thou shalt arise, and mercy yet
Thou to mount Sion shalt extend:
Her time for favour which was set,
Behold, is now come to an end.
14 Thy saints take pleasure in her stones,
Her very dust to them is dear.
15 All heathen lands and kingly thrones
On earth thy glorious name shall fear.

16 God in his glory shall appear,
When Sion he builds and repairs.
17 He shall regard and lend his ear
Unto the needy's humble pray'rs:
Th' afflicted's pray'r he will not scorn.
18 All times this shall be on record:
And generations yet unborn
Shall praise and magnify the Lord.

19 He from his holy place look'd down,
The earth he view'd from heav'n on high;
20 To hear the pris'ner's mourning groan,
And free them that are doom'd to die;
21 That Sion, and Jerus'lem too,
His name and praise may well record,
22 When people and the kingdoms do
Assemble all to praise the Lord.

23 My strength he weaken'd in the way,
My days of life he shortened.
24 My God, O take me not away
In mid-time of my days, I said:
Thy years throughout all ages last.
25 Of old thou hast established
The earth's foundation firm and fast:
Thy mighty hands the heav'ns have made.

26 They perish shall, as garments do,
But thou shalt evermore endure;
As vestures, thou shalt change them so;
And they shall all be changed sure:
27 But from all changes thou art free;
Thy endless years do last for aye.
28 Thy servants, and their seed who be,
Establish'd shall before thee stay.

PSALM CIII.

1 O THOU my soul, bless God the Lord;
and all that in me is
Be stirred up his holy name
to magnify and bless.
2 Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
he hath bestow'd on thee.
3 All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive:
Who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.
4 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death may'st not go down;
Who thee with loving-kindness doth
and tender mercies crown:

5 Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth;
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewed is thy youth.
6 God righteous judgment executes
for all oppressed ones.
7 His ways to Moses, he his acts
made known to Isr'el's sons.

8 The Lord our God is merciful,
and he is gracious,
Long-suffering, and slow to wrath,
in mercy plenteous.
9 He will not chide continually,
nor keep his anger still.
10 With us he dealt not as we sinn'd,
nor did requite our ill.

11 For as the heaven in its height
the earth surmounteth far;
So great to those that do him fear
his tender mercies are:
12 As far as east is distant from
the west, so far hath he
From us removed, in his love,
all our iniquity.

13 Such pity as a father hath
unto his children dear;
Like pity shews the Lord to such
as worship him in fear.
14 For he remembers we are dust,
and he our frame well knows.
15 Frail man, his days are like the grass,
as flow'r in field he grows:

16 For over it the wind doth pass,
and it away is gone;
And of the place where once it was
it shall no more be known.
17 But unto them that do him fear
God's mercy never ends;
And to their children's children still
his righteousness extends:

18 To such as keep his covenant,
and mindful are alway
Of his most just commandements,
that they may them obey.

19 The Lord prepared hath his throne
in heavens firm to stand;
And ev'ry thing that being hath
his kingdom doth command.
20 O ye his angels, that excel
in strength, bless ye the Lord;
Ye who obey what he commands,
and hearken to his word.
21 O bless and magnify the Lord,
ye glorious hosts of his;
Ye ministers, that do fulfil
whate'er his pleasure is.
22 O bless the Lord, all ye his works,
wherewith the world is stor'd
In his dominions ev'ry where.
My soul, bless thou the Lord.

PSALM CIV.

1 BLESS God, my soul. O Lord my
thou art exceeding great; [God,
With honour and with majesty
thou clothed art in state.
2 With light, as with a robe, thyself
thou coverest about;
And, like unto a curtain, thou
the heavens stretchest out.
3 Who of his chambers doth the beams
within the waters lay;
Who doth the clouds his chariot make,
on wings of wind make way.
4 Who flaming fire his ministers,
his angels sp'rits, doth make:
5 Who earth's foundations did lay,
that it should never shake.
6 Thou didst it cover with the deep,
as with a garment spread:
The waters stood above the hills,
when thou the word but said.
7 But at the voice of thy rebuke
they fled, and would not stay;
They at thy thunder's dreadful voice
did haste them fast away.
8 They by the mountains do ascend,
and by the valley-ground
Descend, unto that very place
which thou for them didst found.
9 Thou hast a bound unto them set,
that they may not pass over,
That they do not return again
the face of earth to cover.
10 He to the valleys sends the springs,
which run among the hills:
11 They to all beasts of field give drink,
wild asses drink their fills.
12 By them the fowls of heav'n shall have
their habitation,
Which do among the branches sing
with delectation.
13 He from his chambers watereth
the hills, when they are dry'd:
With fruit and increase of thy works
the earth is satisfy'd.
14 For cattle he makes grass to grow,
he makes the herb to spring
For th' use of man, that food to him
he from the earth may bring;
15 And wine, that to the heart of man
doth cheerfulness impart,
Oil that his face makes shine, and bread
that strengtheneth his heart.
16 The trees of God are full of sap;
the cedars that do stand
In Lebanon, which planted were
by his almighty hand.
17 Birds of the air upon their boughs
do chuse their nests to make;
As for the stork, the fir-tree she
doth for her dwelling take.
18 The lofty mountains for wild goats
a place of refuge be;
The conies also to the rocks
do for their safety flee.
19 He sets the moon in heav'n, thereby
the seasons to discern:
From him the sun his certain time
of going down doth learn.
20 Thou darkness mak'st, 'tis night, then
of forests creep abroad. [beasts
21 The lions young roar for their prey,
and seek their meat from God.
22 The sun doth rise, and home they flock,
down in their dens they lie.
23 Man goes to work, his labour he
doth to the ev'ning ply.
24 How manifold, Lord, are thy works!
in wisdom wonderful
Thou ev'ry one of them hast made;
earth's of thy riches full:
25 So is this great and spacious sea,
wherein things creeping are,
Which number'd cannot be; and beasts
both great and small are there.
26 There ships go; there thou mak'st to
that leviathan great. [play
27 These all wait on thee, that thou may'st
in due time give them meat.
28 That which thou givest unto them
they gather for their food;
Thine hand thou open'st lib'rally,
they filled are with good.
29 Thou hid'st thy face; they troubled are,
their breath thou tak'st away;
Then do they die, and to their dust
return again do they.
30 Thy quick'ning spirit thou send'st forth,
then they created be;
And then the earth's decayed face
renewed is by thee.
31 The glory of the mighty Lord
continue shall for ever:
The Lord JEHOVAH shall rejoice
in all his works together.

32 Earth, as affrighted, trembleth all,
if he on it but look;
And if the mountains he but touch,
they presently do smoke.
33 I will sing to the Lord most high,
so long as I shall live;
And while I being have I shall
to my God praises give.
34 Of him my meditation shall
sweet thoughts to me afford;
And as for me, I will rejoice
in God, my only Lord.
35 From earth let sinners be consum'd,
let ill men no more be.
O thou my soul, bless thou the Lord.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CV.

1 GIVE thanks to God, call on his name;
to men his deeds make known.
2 Sing ye to him, sing psalms; proclaim
his wondrous works each one.
3 See that ye in his holy name
to glory do accord;
And let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice that seeks the Lord.
4 The Lord Almighty, and his strength,
with stedfast hearts seek ye:
His blessed and his gracious face
seek ye continually.
5 Think on the works that he hath done,
which admiration breed;
His wonders, and the judgments all
which from his mouth proceed;
6 O ye that are of Abr'ham's race,
his servant well approv'n;
And ye that Jacob's children are,
whom he chose for his own.
7 Because he, and he only, is
the mighty Lord our God;
And his most righteous judgments are
in all the earth abroad.
8 His cov'nant he remember'd hath,
that it may ever stand:
To thousand generations
the word he did command.
9 Which covenant he firmly made
with faithful Abraham,
And unto Isaac, by his oath,
he did renew the same:
10 And unto Jacob, for a law,
he made it firm and sure,
A covenant to Israel,
which ever should endure.
11 He said, I'll give Canaan's land
for heritage to you;
12 While they were strangers there, and
in number very few: [few,
13 While yet they went from land to land
without a sure abode;
And while through sundry kingdoms
did wander far abroad; [they
14 Yet, notwithstanding, suffer'd he
no man to do them wrong:
Yea, for their sakes, he did reprove
kings, who were great and strong.
15 Thus did he say, Touch ye not those
that mine anointed be,
Nor do the prophets any harm
that do pertain to me.
16 He call'd for famine on the land,
he brake the staff of bread:
17 But yet he sent a man before,
by whom they should be fed;
Ev'n Joseph, whom unnat'rally
sell for a slave did they;
18 Whose feet with fetters they did hurt,
and he in irons lay;
19 Until the time that his word came
to give him liberty;
The word and purpose of the Lord
did him in prison try.
20 Then sent the king, and did command
that he enlarg'd should be:
He that the people's ruler was
did send to set him free.
21 A lord to rule his family
he rais'd him, as most fit;
To him of all that he possess'd
he did the charge commit:
22 That he might at his pleasure bind
the princes of the land;
And he might teach his senators
wisdom to understand.
23 The people then of Israel
down into Egypt came;
And Jacob also sojourned
within the land of Ham.
24 And he did greatly by his pow'r
increase his people there;
And stronger than their enemies
they by his blessing were.
25 Their heart he turned to env'y
his folk maliciously,
With those that his own servants were
to deal in subtilty.
26 His servant Moses he did send,
Aaron his chosen one.
27 By these his signs and wonders great
in Ham's land were made known.
28 Darkness he sent, and made it dark;
his word they did obey.
29 He turn'd their waters into blood,
and he their fish did slay.
30 The land in plenty brought forth frogs
in chambers of their kings.
31 His word all sorts of flies and lice
in all their borders brings.
32 He hail for rain, and flaming fire
into their land he sent:
33 And he their vines and fig-trees smote;
trees of their coasts he rent.

34 He spake, and caterpillars came,
locusts did much abound;
35 Which in their land all herbs consum'd,
and all fruits of their ground.
36 He smote all first-born in their land,
chief of their strength each one.
37 With gold and silver brought them forth,
weak in their tribes were none.

38 Egypt was glad when forth they went,
their fear on them did light.
39 He spread a cloud for covering,
and fire to shine by night.
40 They ask'd, and he brought quails: with
of heav'n he filled them. [bread
41 He open'd rocks, floods gush'd, and ran
in deserts like a stream.

42 For on his holy promise he,
and servant Abr'ham, thought.
43 With joy his people, his elect
with gladness, forth he brought.
44 And unto them the pleasant lands
he of the heathen gave;
That of the people's labour they
inheritance might have.

45 That they his statutes might observe
according to his word;
And that they might his laws obey.
Give praise unto the Lord.

PSALM CVI.

1 GIVE praise and thanks unto the
for bountiful is he; [Lord,
His tender mercy doth endure
unto eternity.
2 God's mighty works who can express?
or shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that judgment keep,
and justly do always.

4 Remember me, Lord, with that love
which thou to thine dost bear;
With thy salvation, O my God,
to visit me draw near:
5 That I thy chosen's good may see,
and in their joy rejoice;
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with cheerful voice.
6 We with our fathers sinned have,
and of iniquity
Too long we have the workers been;
we have done wickedly.
7 The wonders great, which thou, O Lord,
didst work in Egypt land,
Our fathers, though they saw, yet them
they did not understand:
And they thy mercies' multitude
kept not in memory;
But at the sea, ev'n the Red sea,
provok'd him grievously.
8 Nevertheless he saved them,
ev'n for his own name's sake;
That so he might to be well known
his mighty power make.

9 When he the Red sea did rebuke,
then dried up it was:
Through depths, as through the wilder-
he safely made them pass. [ness,
10 From hands of those that hated them
he did his people save;
And from the en'my's cruel hand
to them redemption gave.

11 The waters overwhelm'd their foes;
not one was left alive.
12 Then they believ'd his word, and praise
to him in songs did give.
13 But soon did they his mighty works
forget unthankfully,
And on his counsel and his will
did not wait patiently;

14 But much did lust in wilderness,
and God in desert tempt.
15 He gave them what they sought, but to
their soul he leanness sent.
16 And against Moses in the camp
their envy did appear;
At Aaron they, the saint of God,
envious also were.

17 Therefore the earth did open wide,
and Dathan did devour,
And all Abiram's company
did cover in that hour.
18 Likewise among their company
a fire was kindled then;
And so the hot consuming flame
burnt up these wicked men.

19 Upon the hill of Horeb they
an idol-calf did frame,
A molten image they did make,
and worshipped the same.
20 And thus their glory, and their God,
most vainly changed they
Into the likeness of an ox
that eateth grass or hay.

21 They did forget the mighty God,
that had their saviour been,
By whom such great things brought to
they had in Egypt seen. [pass
22 In Ham's land he did wondrous works,
things terrible did he,
When he his mighty hand and arm
stretch'd out at the Red sea.

23 Then said he, He would them destroy,
had not, his wrath to stay,
His chosen Moses stood in breach,
that them he should not slay.
24 Yea, they despis'd the pleasant land,
believed not his word:
25 But in their tents they murmured,
not heark'ning to the Lord.

26 Therefore in desert them to slay
he lifted up his hand:
27 'Mong nations to o'erthrow their seed,
and scatter in each land.

28 They unto Baal-peor did
themselves associate;
The sacrifices of the dead
they did profanely eat.

29 Thus, by their lewd inventions,
they did provoke his ire;
And then upon them suddenly
the plague brake in as fire.
30 Then Phin'has rose, and justice did,
and so the plague did cease;
31 That to all ages counted was
to him for righteousness.

32 And at the waters, where they strove,
they did him angry make,
In such sort, that it fared ill
with Moses for their sake:
33 Because they there his spirit meek
provoked bitterly,
So that he utter'd with his lips
words unadvisedly.

34 Nor, as the Lord commanded them,
did they the nations slay:
35 But with the heathen mingled were,
and learn'd of them their way.
36 And they their idols serv'd, which did
a snare unto them turn.
37 Their sons and daughters they to dev'ls
in sacrifice did burn.

38 In their own children's guiltless blood
their hands they did imbrue,
Whom to Canaan's idols they
for sacrifices slew:
So was the land defil'd with blood.
39 They stain'd with their own way,
And with their own inventions
a whoring they did stray.

40 Against his people kindled was
the wrath of God therefore,
Insomuch that he did his own
inheritance abhor.
41 He gave them to the heathen's hand;
their foes did them command.
42 Their en'mies them oppress'd, they were
made subject to their hand.

43 He many times deliver'd them;
but with their counsel so
They him provok'd, that for their sin
they were brought very low.
44 Yet their affliction he beheld,
when he did hear their cry:
45 And he for them his covenant
did call to memory;

After his mercies multitude
46 he did repent: And made
Them to be pity'd of all those
who did them captive lead.
47 O Lord our God, us save, and gather
the heathen from among,
That we thy holy name may praise
in a triumphant song.

48 Bless'd be JEHOVAH, Isr'el's God,
to all eternity:
Let all the people say, Amen.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CVII.

1 PRAISE God, for he is good: for still
his mercies lasting be.
2 Let God's redeem'd say so, whom he
from th' en'my's hand did free;
3 And gather'd them out of the lands,
from north, south, east, and west.
4 They stray'd in desert's pathless way,
no city found to rest.

5 For thirst and hunger in them faints
6 their soul. When straits them press,
They cry unto the Lord, and he
them frees from their distress.
7 Them also in a way to walk
that right is he did guide,
That they might to a city go,
wherein they might abide.

8 O that men to the Lord would give
praise for his goodness then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men!
9 For he the soul that longing is
doth fully satisfy;
With goodness he the hungry soul
doth fill abundantly.

10 Such as shut up in darkness deep,
and in death's shade abide,
Whom strongly hath affliction bound,
and irons fast have ty'd:
11 Because against the words of God
they wrought rebelliously,
And they the counsel did contemn
of him that is most High:

12 Their heart he did bring down with grief,
they fell, no help could have.
13 In trouble then they cry'd to God,
he them from straits did save.
14 He out of darkness did them bring,
and from death's shade them take;
These bands, wherewith they had been
asunder quite he brake. [bound,

15 O that men to the Lord would give
praise for his goodness then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men!
16 Because the mighty gates of brass
in pieces he did tear,
By him in sunder also cut
the bars of iron were.

17 Fools, for their sin, and their offence,
do sore affliction bear;
18 All kind of meat their soul abhors;
they to death's gates draw near.
19 In grief they cry to God; he saves
them from their miseries.
20 He sends his word, them heals, and them
from their destructions frees.

21 O that men to the Lord would give
praise for his goodness then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men!
22 And let them sacrifice to him
off'rings of thankfulness;
And let them shew abroad his works
in songs of joyfulness.

23 Who go to sea in ships, and in
great waters trading be,
24 Within the deep these men God's works
and his great wonders see.
25 For he commands, and forth in haste
the stormy tempest flies,
Which makes the sea with rolling waves
aloft to swell and rise.

26 They mount to heav'n, then to the depths
they do go down again;
Their soul doth faint and melt away
with trouble and with pain.
27 They reel and stagger like one drunk,
at their wit's end they be:
28 Then they to God in trouble cry,
who them from straits doth free.

29 The storm is chang'd into a calm
at his command and will;
So that the waves, which rag'd before,
now quiet are and still.
30 Then are they glad, because at rest
and quiet now they be:
So to the haven he them brings,
which they desir'd to see.

31 O that men to the Lord would give
praise for his goodness then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the sons of men!
32 Among the people gathered
let them exalt his name;
Among assembled elders spread
his most renowned fame.

33 He to dry land turns water-springs,
and floods to wilderness;
34 For sins of those that dwell therein,
fat land to barrenness.
35 The burnt and parched wilderness
to water-pools he brings;
The ground that was dry'd up before
he turns to water-springs:

36 And there, for dwelling, he a place
doth to the hungry give,
That they a city may prepare
commodiously to live.
37 There sow they fields, and vineyards plant,
to yield fruits of increase.
38 His blessing makes them multiply,
lets not their beasts decrease.

39 Again they are diminished,
and very low brought down,
Through sorrow and affliction,
and great oppression.

40 He upon princes pours contempt,
and causeth them to stray,
And wander in a wilderness,
wherein there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the poor on high
from all his miseries,
And he, much like unto a flock,
doth make him families.
42 They that are righteous shall rejoice,
when they the same shall see;
And, as ashamed, stop her mouth
shall all iniquity.
43 Whoso is wise, and will these things
observe, and them record,
Ev'n they shall understand the love
and kindness of the Lord.

PSALM CVIII.

1 MY heart is fix'd, Lord; I will sing,
and with my glory praise.
2 Awake up psaltery and harp;
myself I'll early raise.
3 I'll praise thee 'mong the people, Lord;
'mong nations sing will I:
4 For above heav'n thy mercy's great,
thy truth doth reach the sky.

5 Be thou above the heavens, Lord,
exalted gloriously;
Thy glory all the earth above
be lifted up on high.
6 That those who thy beloved are
delivered may be,
O do thou save with thy right hand,
and answer give to me.

7 God in his holiness hath said,
Herein I will take pleasure;
Shechem I will divide, and forth
will Succoth's valley measure.
8 Gilead I claim as mine by right;
Manasseh mine shall be;
Ephraim is of my head the strength;
Judah gives laws for me;
9 Moab's my washing-pot; my shoe
I'll over Edom throw;
Over the land of Palestine
I will in triumph go.
10 O who is he will bring me to
the city fortify'd?
O who is he that to the land
of Edom will me guide?
11 O God, thou who hadst cast us off,
this thing wilt thou not do?
And wilt not thou, ev'n thou, O God,
forth with our armies go?
12 Do thou from trouble give us help,
for helpless is man's aid.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly;
our foes he shall down tread.

PSALM CIX.

1 O THOU the God of all my praise,
do thou not hold thy peace;
2 For mouths of wicked men to speak
against me do not cease:

The mouths of vile deceitful men
against me open'd be;
And with a false and lying tongue
they have accused me.

3 They did beset me round about
with words of hateful spight:
And though to them no cause I gave,
against me they did fight.
4 They for my love became my foes,
but I me set to pray.
5 Evil for good, hatred for love,
to me they did repay.

6 Set thou the wicked over him;
and upon his right hand
Give thou his greatest enemy,
ev'n Satan, leave to stand.
7 And when by thee he shall be judg'd,
let him condemned be;
And let his pray'r be turn'd to sin,
when he shall call on thee.

8 Few be his days, and in his room
his charge another take.
9 His children let be fatherless,
his wife a widow make.
10 His children let be vagabonds,
and beg continually;
And from their places desolate
seek bread for their supply.

11 Let covetous extortioners
catch all he hath away:
Of all for which he labour'd hath
let strangers make a prey.
12 Let there be none to pity him,
let there be none at all
That on his children fatherless
will let his mercy fall.

13 Let his posterity from earth
cut off for ever be,
And in the foll'wing age their name
be blotted out by thee.
14 Let God his father's wickedness
still to remembrance call;
And never let his mother's sin
be blotted out at all.

15 But let them all before the Lord
appear continually,
That he may wholly from the earth
cut off their memory.
16 Because he mercy minded not,
but persecuted still
The poor and needy, that he might
the broken-hearted kill.

17 As he in cursing pleasure took,
so let it to him fall;
As he delighted not to bless,
so bless him not at all.
18 As cursing he like clothes put on,
into his bowels so,
Like water, and into his bones,
like oil, down let it go.

19 Like to the garment let it be
which doth himself array,
And for a girdle, wherewith he
is girt about alway.
20 From God let this be their reward
that en'mies are to me,
And their reward that speak against
my soul maliciously.

21 But do thou, for thine own name's sake,
O God the Lord, for me:
Sith good and sweet thy mercy is,
from trouble set me free.
22 For I am poor and indigent,
afflicted sore am I,
My heart within me also is
wounded exceedingly.

23 I pass like a declining shade,
am like the locust tost:
24 My knees through fasting weaken'd are,
my flesh hath fatness lost.
25 I also am a vile reproach
unto them made to be;
And they that did upon me look
did shake their heads at me.

26 O do thou help and succour me,
who art my God and Lord:
And, for thy tender mercy's sake,
safety to me afford:
27 That thereby they may know that this
is thy almighty hand;
And that thou, Lord, hast done the
they may well understand. [same,

28 Although they curse with spite, yet,
bless thou with loving voice: [Lord,
Let them asham'd be when they rise;
thy servant let rejoice.
29 Let thou mine adversaries all
with shame be clothed over;
And let their own confusion
them, as a mantle, cover.

30 But as for me, I with my mouth
will greatly praise the Lord;
And I among the multitude
his praises will record.
31 For he shall stand at his right hand
who is in poverty,
To save him from all those that would
condemn his soul to die.

PSALM CX.

1 THE Lord did say unto my Lord,
Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thy foes a stool,
whereon thy feet may stand.
2 The Lord shall out of Sion send
the rod of thy great pow'r:
In midst of all thine enemies
be thou the governor.

3 A willing people in thy day
of pow'r shall come to thee,
In holy beauties from morn's womb;
thy youth like dew shall be.

4 The Lord himself hath made an oath,
and will repent him never,
Of th' order of Melchisedec
thou art a priest for ever.
5 The glorious and mighty Lord,
that sits at thy right hand,
Shall, in his day of wrath, strike through
kings that do him withstand.
6 He shall among the heathen judge,
he shall with bodies dead
The places fill: o'er many lands
he wound shall ev'ry head.
7 The brook that runneth in the way
with drink shall him supply;
And, for this cause, in triumph he
shall lift his head on high.

PSALM CXI.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord: with my whole
I will God's praise declare, [heart
Where the assemblies of the just
and congregations are.
2 The whole works of the Lord our God
are great above all measure,
Sought out they are of ev'ry one
that doth therein take pleasure.
3 His work most honourable is,
most glorious and pure,
And his untainted righteousness
for ever doth endure.
4 His works most wonderful he hath
made to be thought upon:
The Lord is gracious, and he is
full of compassion.
5 He giveth meat unto all those
that truly do him fear;
And evermore his covenant
he in his mind will bear.
6 He did the power of his works
unto his people show,
When he the heathen's heritage
upon them did bestow.
7 His handy-works are truth and right;
all his commands are sure:
8 And, done in truth and uprightness,
they evermore endure.
9 He sent redemption to his folk;
his covenant for aye
He did command: holy his name
and rev'rend is alway.
10 Wisdom's beginning is God's fear:
good understanding they
Have all that his commands fulfil:
his praise endures for aye.

PSALM CXII.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord. The man is
that fears the Lord aright, [bless'd
He who in his commandements
doth greatly take delight.
2 His seed and offspring powerful
shall be the earth upon:
Of upright men blessed shall be
the generation.
3 Riches and wealth shall ever be
within his house in store;
And his unspotted righteousness
endures for evermore.
4 Unto the upright light doth rise,
though he in darkness be:
Compassionate, and merciful,
and righteous, is he.
5 A good man doth his favour shew,
and doth to others lend:
He with discretion his affairs
will guide unto the end.
6 Surely there is not any thing
that ever shall him move:
The righteous man's memorial
shall everlasting prove.
7 When he shall evil tidings hear,
he shall not be afraid:
His heart is fix'd, his confidence
upon the Lord is stay'd.
8 His heart is firmly stablished,
afraid he shall not be,
Until upon his enemies
he his desire shall see.
9 He hath dispers'd, giv'n to the poor;
his righteousness shall be
To ages all; with honour shall
his horn be raised high.
10 The wicked shall it see, and fret,
his teeth gnash, melt away:
What wicked men do most desire
shall utterly decay.

PSALM CXIII.

1 PRAISE God: ye servants of the Lord,
O praise, the Lord's name praise.
2 Yea, blessed be the name of God
from this time forth always.
3 From rising sun to where it sets,
God's name is to be prais'd.
4 Above all nations God is high,
'bove heav'ns his glory rais'd.
5 Unto the Lord our God that dwells
on high, who can compare?
6 Himself that humbleth things to see
in heav'n and earth that are.
7 He from the dust doth raise the poor,
that very low doth lie;
And from the dunghill lifts the man
oppress'd with poverty;
8 That he may highly him advance,
and with the princes set;
With those that of his people are
the chief, ev'n princes great.
9 The barren woman house to keep
he maketh, and to be
Of sons a mother full of joy.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXIV.

1 WHEN Isr'el out of Egypt went,
and did his dwelling change,
When Jacob's house went out from those
that were of language strange,

2 He Judah did his sanctuary,
his kingdom Isr'el make:
3 The sea it saw, and quickly fled,
Jordan was driven back.
4 Like rams the mountains, and like
the hills skipp'd to and fro. [lambs
5 O sea, why fledd'st thou? Jordan, back
why wast thou driven so?
6 Ye mountains great, wherefore was it
that ye did skip like rams?
And wherefore was it, little hills,
that ye did leap like lambs?
7 O at the presence of the Lord,
earth, tremble thou for fear,
While as the presence of the God
of Jacob doth appear:
8 Who from the hard and stony rock
did standing water bring;
And by his pow'r did turn the flint
into a water-spring.

PSALM CXV.

1 NOT unto us, Lord, not to us,
but do thou glory take
Unto thy name, ev'n for thy truth,
and for thy mercy's sake.
2 O wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their God now gone?
3 But our God in the heavens is,
what pleas'd him he hath done.
4 Their idols silver are and gold,
work of men's hands they be.
5 Mouths have they, but they do not
and eyes, but do not see; [speak;
6 Ears have they, but they do not hear;
noses, but savour not;
7 Hands, feet, but handle not, nor walk;
nor speak they through their throat.
8 Like them their makers are, and all
on them their trust that build.
9 O Isr'el, trust thou in the Lord,
he is their help and shield.
10 O Aaron's house, trust in the Lord,
their help and shield is he.
11 Ye that fear God, trust in the Lord,
their help and shield he'll be.
12 The Lord of us hath mindful been,
and he will bless us still:
He will the house of Isr'el bless,
bless Aaron's house he will.
13 Both small and great, that fear the Lord,
he will them surely bless.
14 The Lord will you, you and your seed,
aye more and more increase.
15 O blessed are ye of the Lord,
who made the earth and heav'n.
16 The heav'n, ev'n heav'ns, are God's, but
earth to men's sons hath giv'n. [he
17 The dead, nor who to silence go,
God's praise do not record.
18 But henceforth we for ever will
bless God. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM CXVI.

1 I LOVE the Lord, because my voice
and prayers he did hear.
2 I, while I live, will call on him,
who bow'd to me his ear.
3 Of death the cords and sorrows did
about me compass round;
The pains of hell took hold on me,
I grief and trouble found.

4 Upon the name of God the Lord
then did I call, and say,
Deliver thou my soul, O Lord,
I do thee humbly pray.
5 God merciful and righteous is,
yea, gracious is our Lord.
6 God saves the meek: I was brought low,
he did me help afford.

7 O thou my soul, do thou return
unto thy quiet rest;
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath exprest.
8 For my distressed soul from death
deliver'd was by thee:
Thou didst my mourning eyes from
my feet from falling, free. [tears,

9 I in the land of those that live
will walk the Lord before.
10 I did believe, therefore I spake:
I was afflicted sore.
11 I said, when I was in my haste,
that all men liars be.
12 What shall I render to the Lord
for all his gifts to me?

13 I'll of salvation take the cup,
on God's name will I call:
14 I'll pay my vows now to the Lord
before his people all.
15 Dear in God's sight is his saints' death.
16 Thy servant, Lord, am I;
Thy servant sure, thine handmaid's son:
my bands thou didst untie.

17 Thank-off'rings I to thee will give,
and on God's name will call.
18 I'll pay my vows now to the Lord
before his people all;
19 Within the courts of God's own house,
within the midst of thee,
O city of Jerusalem.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXVII.

1 O GIVE ye praise unto the Lord,
all nations that be;
Likewise, ye people all, accord
his name to magnify.
2 For great to us-ward ever are
his loving-kindnesses:
His truth endures for evermore.
The Lord O do ye bless.

PSALM CXVIII.

1 O PRAISE the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy lasteth ever.
2 Let those of Israel now say,
His mercy faileth never.
3 Now let the house of Aaron say,
His mercy lasteth ever.
4 Let those that fear the Lord now say,
His mercy faileth never.

5 I in distress call'd on the Lord;
the Lord did answer me:
He in a large place did me set,
from trouble made me free.
6 The mighty Lord is on my side,
I will not be afraid;
For any thing that man can do
I shall not be dismay'd.

7 The Lord doth take my part with them
that help to succour me:
Therefore on those that do me hate
I my desire shall see.
8 Better it is to trust in God
than trust in man's defence;
9 Better to trust in God than make
princes our confidence.

10 The nations, joining all in one,
did compass me about:
But in the Lord's most holy name
I shall them all root out.
11 They compass'd me about; I say,
they compass'd me about:
But in the Lord's most holy name
I shall them all root out.

12 Like bees they compass'd me about;
like unto thorns that flame
They quenched are: for them shall I
destroy in God's own name.
13 Thou sore hast thrust, that I might fall,
but my Lord helped me.
14 God my salvation is become,
my strength and song is he.

15 In dwellings of the righteous
is heard the melody
Of joy and health: the Lord's right hand
doth ever valiantly.
16 The right hand of the mighty Lord
exalted is on high;
The right hand of the mighty Lord
doth ever valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and shall
the works of God discover.
18 The Lord hath me chastised sore,
but not to death giv'n over.
19 O set ye open unto me
the gates of righteousness;
Then will I enter into them,
and I the Lord will bless.
20 This is the gate of God, by it
the just shall enter in.
21 Thee will I praise, for thou me heard'st,
and hast my safety been.

22 That stone is made head corner-stone,
which builders did despise:
23 This is the doing of the Lord,
and wondrous in our eyes.

24 This is the day God made, in it
we'll joy triumphantly.
25 Save now, I pray thee, Lord; I pray,
send now prosperity.
26 Blessed is he in God's great name
that cometh us to save:
We, from the house which to the Lord
pertains, you blessed have.

27 God is the Lord, who unto us
hath made light to arise:
Bind ye unto the altar's horns
with cords the sacrifice.
28 Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt;
my God, I will thee praise.
29 Give thanks to God, for he is good:
his mercy lasts always.

PSALM CXIX.

ALEPH. *The 1st Part.*

1 BLESSED are they that undefil'd,
and straight are in the way;
Who in the Lord's most holy law
do walk, and do not stray.
2 Blessed are they who to observe
his statutes are inclin'd;
And who do seek the living God
with their whole heart and mind.

3 Such in his ways do walk, and they
do no iniquity.
4 Thou hast commanded us to keep
thy precepts carefully.
5 O that thy statutes to observe
thou would'st my ways direct!
6 Then shall I not be sham'd, when I
thy precepts all respect.

7 Then with integrity of heart
thee will I praise and bless,
When I the judgments all have learn'd
of thy pure righteousness.
8 That I will keep thy statutes all
firmly resolved have I:
O do not then, most gracious God,
forsake me utterly.

BETH. *The 2d Part.*

9 By what means shall a young man learn
his way to purify?
If he according to thy word
thereto attentive be.
10 Unfeignedly thee have I sought
with all my soul and heart:
O let me not from the right path
of thy commands depart.

11 Thy word I in my heart have hid,
that I offend not thee.
12 O Lord, thou ever blessed art,
thy statutes teach thou me.

13 The judgments of thy mouth each one
my lips declared have:
14 More joy thy testimonies' way
than riches all me gave.
15 I will thy holy precepts make
my meditation;
And carefully I'll have respect
unto thy ways each one.
16 Upon thy statutes my delight
shall constantly be set:
And, by thy grace, I never will
thy holy word forget.

GIMEL. *The 3d Part.*

17 With me thy servant, in thy grace,
deal bountifully, Lord;
That by thy favour I may live,
and duly keep thy word.
18 Open mine eyes, that of thy law
the wonders I may see.
19 I am a stranger on this earth,
hide not thy laws from me.
20 My soul within me breaks, and doth
much fainting still endure,
Through longing that it hath all times
unto thy judgments pure.
21 Thou hast rebuk'd the cursed proud,
who from thy precepts swerve.
22 Reproach and shame remove from me,
for I thy laws observe.
23 Against me princes spake with spite,
while they in council sat:
But I thy servant did upon
thy statutes meditate.
24 My comfort, and my heart's delight,
thy testimonies be;
And they, in all my doubts and fears,
are counsellors to me.

DALETH. *The 4th Part.*

25 My soul to dust cleaves: quicken me,
according to thy word.
26 My ways I shew'd, and me thou heard'st:
teach me thy statutes, Lord.
27 The way of thy commandements
make me aright to know;
So all thy works that wondrous are
I shall to others show.
28 My soul doth melt, and drop away,
for heaviness and grief:
To me, according to thy word,
give strength, and send relief.
29 From me the wicked way of lies
let far removed be;
And graciously thy holy law
do thou grant unto me.
30 I chosen have the perfect way
of truth and verity:
Thy judgments that most righteous are
before me laid have I.
31 I to thy testimonies cleave;
shame do not on me cast.
32 I'll run thy precepts' way, when thou
my heart enlarged hast.

HE. *The 5th Part.*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way
of thy precepts divine,
And to observe it to the end
I shall my heart incline.
34 Give understanding unto me,
so keep thy law shall I;
Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I shall
observe it carefully.

35 In thy law's path make me to go;
for I delight therein.
36 My heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to greed, incline.
37 Turn thou away my sight and eyes
from viewing vanity;
And in thy good and holy way
be pleas'd to quicken me.

38 Confirm to me thy gracious word,
which I did gladly hear,
Ev'n to thy servant, Lord, who is
devoted to thy fear.
39 Turn thou away my fear'd reproach;
for good thy judgments be.
40 Lo, for thy precepts I have long'd;
in thy truth quicken me.

VAU. *The 6th Part.*

41 Let thy sweet mercies also come
and visit me, O Lord;
Ev'n thy benign salvation,
according to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith I may
give him an answer just,
Who spitefully reproacheth me;
for in thy word I trust.

43 The word of truth out of my mouth
take thou not utterly;
For on thy judgments righteous
my hope doth still rely.
44 So shall I keep for evermore
thy law continually.
45 And, sith that I thy precepts seek,
I'll walk at liberty.

46 I'll speak thy word to kings, and I
with shame shall not be mov'd;
47 And will delight myself always
in thy laws, which I lov'd.
48 To thy commandments, which I lov'd,
my hands lift up I will;
And I will also meditate
upon thy statutes still.

ZAIN. *The 7th Part.*

49 Remember, Lord, thy gracious word
thou to thy servant spake,
Which, for a ground of my sure hope,
thou causedst me to take.
50 This word of thine my comfort is
in mine affliction:
For in my straits I am reviv'd
by this thy word alone.

51 The men whose hearts with pride are
did greatly me deride; [stuff'd
Yet from thy straight commandements
I have not turn'd aside.
52 Thy judgments righteous, O Lord,
which thou of old forth gave,
I did remember, and myself
by them comforted have.
53 Horror took hold on me, because
ill men thy law forsake.
54 I in my house of pilgrimage
thy laws my songs do make.
55 Thy name by night, Lord, I did mind,
and I have kept thy law.
56 And this I had, because thy word
I kept, and stood in awe.

CHETH. *The 8th Part.*

57 Thou my sure portion art alone,
which I did chuse, O Lord:
I have resolv'd, and said, that I
would keep thy holy word.
58 With my whole heart I did entreat
thy face and favour free:
According to thy gracious word
be merciful to me.
59 I thought upon my former ways,
and did my life well try;
And to thy testimonies pure
my feet then turned I.
60 I did not stay, nor linger long,
as those that slothful are;
But hastily thy laws to keep
myself I did prepare.
61 Bands of ill men me robb'd; yet I
thy precepts did not slight.
62 I'll rise at midnight thee to praise,
ev'n for thy judgments right.
63 I am companion to all those
who fear, and thee obey.
64 O Lord, thy mercy fills the earth:
teach me thy laws, I pray.

TETH. *The 9th Part.*

65 Well hast thou with thy servant dealt,
as thou didst promise give.
66 Good judgment me, and knowledge
for I thy word believe. [teach,
67 Ere I afflicted was I stray'd;
but now I keep thy word.
68 Both good thou art, and good thou
teach me thy statutes, Lord. [do'st:
69 The men that are puff'd up with pride
against me forg'd a lie;
Yet thy commandements observe
with my whole heart will I.
70 Their hearts, through worldly ease and
as fat as grease they be: [wealth,
But in thy holy law I take
delight continually.
71 It hath been very good for me
that I afflicted was,
That I might well instructed be,
and learn thy holy laws.

72 The word that cometh from thy mouth
is better unto me
Than many thousands and great sums
of gold and silver be.

JOD. *The 10th Part.*

73 Thou mad'st and fashion'dst me: thy
to know give wisdom, Lord. [laws
74 So who thee fear shall joy to see
me trusting in thy word.
75 That very right thy judgments are
I know, and do confess;
And that thou hast afflicted me
in truth and faithfulness.

76 O let thy kindness merciful,
I pray thee, comfort me,
As to thy servant faithfully
was promised by thee.
77 And let thy tender mercies come
to me, that I may live;
Because thy holy laws to me
sweet delectation give.

78 Lord, let the proud ashamed be;
for they, without a cause,
With me perversely dealt: but I
will muse upon thy laws.
79 Let such as fear thee, and have known
thy statutes, turn to me.
80 My heart let in thy laws be sound,
that sham'd I never be.

CAPH. *The 11th Part.*

81 My soul for thy salvation faints;
yet I thy word believe.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word: I say,
When wilt thou comfort give?
83 For like a bottle I'm become,
that in the smoke is set:
I'm black, and parch'd with grief; yet I
thy statutes not forget.

84 How many are thy servant's days?
when wilt thou execute
Just judgment on these wicked men
that do me persecute?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
which is against thy laws.
86 Thy words all faithful are: help me,
pursu'd without a cause.

87 They so consum'd me, that on earth
my life they scarce did leave:
Thy precepts yet forsook I not,
but close to them did cleave.
88 After thy loving-kindness, Lord,
me quicken, and preserve:
The testimony of thy mouth
so shall I still observe.

LAMED. *The 12th Part.*

89 Thy word for ever is, O Lord,
in heaven settled fast;
90 Unto all generations
thy faithfulness doth last:

The earth thou hast established,
and it abides by thee.
91 This day they stand as thou ordain'dst;
for all thy servants be.
92 Unless in thy most perfect law
my soul delights had found,
I should have perished, when as
my troubles did abound.
93 Thy precepts I will ne'er forget;
they quick'ning to me brought.
94 Lord, I am thine; O save thou me:
thy precepts I have sought.
95 For me the wicked have laid wait,
me seeking to destroy:
But I thy testimonies true
consider will with joy.
96 An end of all perfection
here have I seen, O God:
But as for thy commandement,
it is exceeding broad.

MEM. *The 13th Part.*

97 O how love I thy law! it is
my study all the day:
98 It makes me wiser than my foes;
for it doth with me stay.
99 Than all my teachers now I have
more understanding far;
Because my meditation
thy testimonies are.
100 In understanding I excel
those that are ancients;
For I endeavoured to keep
all thy commandements.
101 My feet from each ill way I stay'd,
that I may keep thy word.
102 I from thy judgments have not swerv'd;
for thou hast taught me, Lord.
103 How sweet unto my taste, O Lord,
are all thy words of truth!
Yea, I do find them sweeter far
than honey to my mouth.
104 I through thy precepts, that are pure,
do understanding get;
I therefore ev'ry way that's false
with all my heart do hate.

NUN. *The 14th Part.*

105 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
and to my path a light.
106 I sworn have, and I will perform,
to keep thy judgments right.
107 I am with sore affliction
ev'n overwhelm'd, O Lord:
In mercy raise and quicken me,
according to thy word.
108 The free-will-off'rings of my mouth
accept, I thee beseech:
And unto me thy servant, Lord,
thy judgments clearly teach.
109 Though still my soul be in my hand,
thy laws I'll not forget.
110 I err'd not from them, though for me
the wicked snares did set.
111 I of thy testimonies have
above all things made choice,
To be my heritage for aye;
for they my heart rejoice.
112 I carefully inclined have
my heart still to attend;
That I thy statutes may perform
alway unto the end.

SAMECH. *The 15th Part.*

113 I hate the thoughts of vanity,
but love thy law do I.
114 My shield and hiding-place thou art:
I on thy word rely.
115 All ye that evil-doers are
from me depart away;
For the commandments of my God
I purpose to obey.
116 According to thy faithful word
uphold and stablish me,
That I may live, and of my hope
ashamed never be.
117 Hold thou me up, so shall I be
in peace and safety still;
And to thy statutes have respect
continually I will.
118 Thou tread'st down all that love to stray;
false their deceit doth prove.
119 Lewd men, like dross, away thou putt'st;
therefore thy law I love.
120 For fear of thee my very flesh
doth tremble, all dismay'd;
And of thy righteous judgments, Lord,
my soul is much afraid.

AIN. *The 16th Part.*

121 To all men I have judgment done,
performing justice right;
Then let me not be left unto
my fierce oppressors' might.
122 For good unto thy servant, Lord,
thy servant's surety be:
From the oppression of the proud
do thou deliver me.
123 Mine eyes do fail with looking long
for thy salvation,
The word of thy pure righteousness
while I do wait upon.
124 In mercy with thy servant deal,
thy laws me teach and show.
125 I am thy servant, wisdom give,
that I thy laws may know.
126 'Tis time thou work, Lord; for they have
made void thy law divine.
127 Therefore thy precepts more I love
than gold, yea, gold most fine.
128 Concerning all things thy commands
all right I judge therefore;
And ev'ry false and wicked way
I perfectly abhor.

PE. *The 17th Part.*

129 Thy statutes, Lord, are wonderful,
my soul them keeps with care.
130 The entrance of thy words gives light,
makes wise who simple are.
131 My mouth I have wide opened,
and panted earnestly,
While after thy commandements
I long'd exceedingly.

132 Look on me, Lord, and merciful
do thou unto me prove,
As thou art wont to do to those
thy name who truly love.
133 O let my footsteps in thy word
aright still order'd be:
Let no iniquity obtain
dominion over me.

134 From man's oppression save thou me;
so keep thy laws I will.
135 Thy face make on thy servant shine;
teach me thy statutes still.
136 Rivers of waters from mine eyes
did run down, when I saw
How wicked men run on in sin,
and do not keep thy law.

TSADDI. *The 18th Part.*

137 O Lord, thou art most righteous;
thy judgments are upright.
138 Thy testimonies thou command'st
most faithful are and right.
139 My zeal hath ev'n consumed me,
because mine enemies
Thy holy words forgotten have,
and do thy laws despise.

140 Thy word's most pure, therefore on it
thy servant's love is set.
141 Small, and despis'd I am, yet I
thy precepts not forget.
142 Thy righteousness is righteousness
which ever doth endure:
Thy holy law, Lord, also is
the very truth most pure.

143 Trouble and anguish have me found,
and taken hold on me:
Yet in my trouble my delight
thy just commandments be.
144 Eternal righteousness is in
thy testimonies all:
Lord, to me understanding give,
and ever live I shall.

KOPH. *The 19th Part.*

145 With my whole heart I cry'd, Lord,
I will thy word obey. [hear;
146 I cry'd to thee; save me, and I
will keep thy laws alway.
147 I of the morning did prevent
the dawning, and did cry:
For all mine expectation
did on thy word rely.

148 Mine eyes did timeously prevent
the watches of the night,
That in thy word with careful mind
then meditate I might.
149 After thy loving-kindness hear
my voice, that calls on thee:
According to thy judgment, Lord,
revive and quicken me.
150 Who follow mischief they draw nigh;
they from thy law are far:
151 But thou art near, Lord; most firm
all thy commandments are. [truth
152 As for thy testimonies all,
of old this have I try'd,
That thou hast surely founded them
for ever to abide.

RESH. *The 20th Part.*

153 Consider mine affliction,
in safety do me set:
Deliver me, O Lord, for I
thy law do not forget.
154 After thy word revive thou me;
save me, and plead my cause.
155 Salvation is from sinners far;
for they seek not thy laws.
156 O Lord, both great and manifold
thy tender mercies be:
According to thy judgments just,
revive and quicken me.
157 My persecutors many are,
and foes that do combine;
Yet from thy testimonies pure
my heart doth not decline.
158 I saw transgressors, and was griev'd;
for they keep not thy word.
159 See how I love thy law! as thou
art kind, me quicken, Lord.
160 From the beginning all thy word
hath been most true and sure:
Thy righteous judgments ev'ry one
for evermore endure.

SCHIN. *The 21st Part.*

161 Princes have persecuted me,
although no cause they saw:
But still of thy most holy word
my heart doth stand in awe.
162 I at thy word rejoice, as one
of spoil that finds great store.
163 Thy law I love; but lying all
I hate and do abhor.
164 Sev'n times a-day it is my care
to give due praise to thee;
Because of all thy judgments, Lord,
which righteous ever be.
165 Great peace have they who love thy
offence they shall have none. [law;
166 I hop'd for thy salvation, Lord,
and thy commands have done.
167 My soul thy testimonies pure
observed carefully;
On them my heart is set, and them
I love exceedingly.

168 Thy testimonies and thy laws
I kept with special care;
For all my works and ways each one
before thee open are.

TAU. *The 22d Part.*

169 O let my earnest pray'r and cry
come near before thee, Lord:
Give understanding unto me,
according to thy word.
170 Let my request before thee come:
after thy word me free.
171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou
hast taught thy laws to me.

172 My tongue of thy most blessed word
shall speak, and it confess;
Because all thy commandements
are perfect righteousness.
173 Let thy strong hand make help to me:
thy precepts are my choice.
174 I long'd for thy salvation, Lord,
and in thy law rejoice.

175 O let my soul live, and it shall
give praises unto thee;
And let thy judgments gracious
be helpful unto me.
176 I, like a lost sheep, went astray;
thy servant seek, and find:
For thy commands I suffer'd not
to slip out of my mind.

PSALM CXX.

1 IN my distress to God I cry'd,
and he gave ear to me.
2 From lying lips, and guileful tongue,
O Lord, my soul set free.
3 What shall be giv'n thee? or what shall
be done to thee, false tongue?
4 Ev'n burning coals of juniper,
sharp arrows of the strong.

5 Woe's me that I in Meshech am
a sojourner so long;
That I in tabernacles dwell
to Kedar that belong.
6 My soul with him that hateth peace
hath long a dweller been.
7 I am for peace; but when I speak,
for battle they are keen.

PSALM CXXI.

1 I TO the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.
2 My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.
3 Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
4 Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

5 The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy
on thy right hand doth stay: [shade
6 The moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.
7 The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
8 Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

PSALM CXXII.

1 I JOY'D when to the house of God,
Go up, they said to me.
2 Jerusalem, within thy gates
our feet shall standing be.
3 Jerus'lem, as a city, is
compactly built together:
4 Unto that place the tribes go up,
the tribes of God go thither:

To Isr'el's testimony, there
to God's name thanks to pay.
5 For thrones of judgment, ev'n the
of David's house, there stay. [thrones
6 Pray that Jerusalem may have
peace and felicity:
Let them that love thee and thy peace
have still prosperity.

7 Therefore I wish that peace may still
within thy walls remain,
And ever may thy palaces
prosperity retain.
8 Now, for my friends' and brethren's
Peace be in thee, I'll say. [sakes,
9 And for the house of God our Lord,
I'll seek thy good alway.

PSALM CXXIII.

1 O THOU that dwellest in the heav'ns,
I lift mine eyes to thee.
2 Behold, as servants' eyes do look
their masters' hand to see,
As handmaid's eyes her mistress' hand;
so do our eyes attend
Upon the Lord our God, until
to us he mercy send.

3 O Lord, be gracious to us,
unto us gracious be;
Because replenish'd with contempt
exceedingly are we.
4 Our soul is fill'd with scorn of those
that at their ease abide,
And with the insolent contempt
of those that swell in pride.

PSALM CXXIV.

1 HAD not the Lord been on our side,
may Israel now say;
2 Had not the Lord been on our side,
when men rose us to slay;
3 They had us swallow'd quick, when as
their wrath 'gainst us did flame:
4 Waters had cover'd us, our soul
had sunk beneath the stream.

5 Then had the waters, swelling high,
over our soul made way.
6 Bless'd be the Lord, who to their teeth
us gave not for a prey.

7 Our soul's escaped, as a bird
out of the fowler's snare;
The snare asunder broken is,
and we escaped are.
8 Our sure and all-sufficient help
is in JEHOVAH's name;
His name who did the heav'n create,
and who the earth did frame.

Another of the same.

1 NOW Israel
may say, and that truly,
If that the Lord
had not our cause maintain'd;
2 If that the Lord
had not our right sustain'd,
When cruel men
against us furiously
Rose up in wrath,
to make of us their prey;
3 Then certainly
they had devour'd us all,
And swallow'd quick,
for ought that we could deem;
Such was their rage,
as we might well esteem.
4 And as fierce floods
before them all things drown,
So had they brought
our soul to death quite down.
5 The raging streams,
with their proud swelling waves,
Had then our soul
o'erwhelmed in the deep.
6 But bless'd be God,
who doth us safely keep,
And hath not giv'n
us for a living prey
Unto their teeth,
and bloody cruelty.
7 Ev'n as a bird
out of the fowler's snare
Escapes away,
so is our soul set free:
Broke are their nets,
and thus escaped we.
8 Therefore our help
is in the Lord's great name,
Who heav'n and earth
by his great pow'r did frame.

PSALM CXXV.

1 THEY in the Lord that firmly trust
shall be like Sion hill,
Which at no time can be remov'd,
but standeth ever still.
2 As round about Jerusalem
the mountains stand alway,
The Lord his folk doth compass so,
from henceforth and for aye.
3 For ill men's rod upon the lot
of just men shall not lie;
Lest righteous men stretch forth their
unto iniquity. [hands
4 Do thou to all those that be good
thy goodness, Lord, impart;
And do thou good to those that are
upright within their heart.
5 But as for such as turn aside
after their crooked way,
God shall lead forth with wicked men:
on Isr'el peace shall stay.

PSALM CXXVI.

1 WHEN Sion's bondage God turn'd back,
as men that dream'd were we.
2 Then fill'd with laughter was our mouth,
our tongue with melody:
They 'mong the heathen said, The Lord
great things for them hath wrought.
3 The Lord hath done great things for us,
whence joy to us is brought.
4 As streams of water in the south,
our bondage, Lord, recall.
5 Who sow in tears, a reaping time
of joy enjoy they shall.
6 That man who, bearing precious seed,
in going forth doth mourn,
He doubtless, bringing back his sheaves,
rejoicing shall return.

PSALM CXXVII.

1 EXCEPT the Lord do build the house,
the builders lose their pain:
Except the Lord the city keep,
the watchmen watch in vain.
2 'Tis vain for you to rise betimes,
or late from rest to keep,
To feed on sorrows' bread; so gives
he his beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children are God's heritage,
the womb's fruit his reward.
4 The sons of youth as arrows are,
for strong men's hands prepar'd.
5 O happy is the man that hath
his quiver fill'd with those;
They unashamed in the gate
shall speak unto their foes.

PSALM CXXVIII.

1 BLESS'D is each one that fears the Lord,
and walketh in his ways; [
2 For of thy labour thou shalt eat,
and happy be always.
3 Thy wife shall as a fruitful vine
by thy house' sides be found:
Thy children like to olive-plants
about thy table round.
4 Behold, the man that fears the Lord,
thus blessed shall he be.
5 The Lord shall out of Sion give
his blessing unto thee:
Thou shalt Jerus'lem's good behold
whilst thou on earth dost dwell.
6 Thou shalt thy children's children see,
and peace on Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

1 OFT did they vex me from my youth,
may Isr'el now declare;
2 Oft did they vex me from my youth,
yet not victorious were.
3 The plowers plow'd upon my back;
they long their furrows drew.
4 The righteous Lord did cut the cords
of the ungodly crew.
5 Let Sion's haters all be turn'd
back with confusion.
6 As grass on houses' tops be they,
which fades ere it be grown:
7 Whereof enough to fill his hand
the mower cannot find;
Nor can the man his bosom fill,
whose work is sheaves to bind.
8 Neither say they who do go by,
God's blessing on you rest:
We in the name of God the Lord
do wish you to be blest.

PSALM CXXX.

1 LORD, from the depths to thee I cry'd.
2 My voice, Lord, do thou hear:
Unto my supplication's voice
give an attentive ear.
3 Lord, who shall stand, if thou, O Lord,
should'st mark iniquity?
4 But yet with thee forgiveness is,
that fear'd thou mayest be.
5 I wait for God, my soul doth wait,
my hope is in his word.
6 More than they that for morning watch,
my soul waits for the Lord;
I say, more than they that do watch
the morning light to see.
7 Let Israel hope in the Lord,
for with him mercies be;
And plenteous redemption
is ever found with him.
8 And from all his iniquities
he Isr'el shall redeem.

PSALM CXXXI.

1 MY heart not haughty is, O Lord,
mine eyes not lofty be;
Nor do I deal in matters great,
or things too high for me.
2 I surely have myself behav'd
with quiet sp'rit and mild,
As child of mother wean'd: my soul
is like a weaned child.
3 Upon the Lord let all the hope
of Israel rely,
Ev'n from the time that present is
unto eternity.

PSALM CXXXII.

1 DAVID, and his afflictions all,
Lord, do thou think upon;
2 How unto God he sware, and vow'd
to Jacob's mighty One.
3 I will not come within my house,
nor rest in bed at all;
4 Nor shall mine eyes take any sleep,
nor eyelids slumber shall;
5 Till for the Lord a place I find,
where he may make abode;
A place of habitation
for Jacob's mighty God.
6 Lo, at the place of Ephratah
of it we understood;
And we did find it in the fields,
and city of the wood.
7 We'll go into his tabernacles,
and at his footstool bow.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy rest,
th' ark of thy strength, and thou.
9 O let thy priests be clothed, Lord,
with truth and righteousness;
And let all those that are thy saints
shout loud for joyfulness.
10 For thine own servant David's sake,
do not deny thy grace;
Nor of thine own anointed one
turn thou away the face.
11 The Lord in truth to David sware,
he will not turn from it,
I of thy body's fruit will make
upon thy throne to sit.
12 My cov'nant if thy sons will keep,
and laws to them made known,
Their children then shall also sit
for ever on thy throne.
13 For God of Sion hath made choice;
there he desires to dwell.
14 This is my rest, here still I'll stay;
for I do like it well.
15 Her food I'll greatly bless; her poor
with bread will satisfy.
16 Her priests I'll clothe with health; her
shall shout forth joyfully. [saints
17 And there will I make David's horn
to bud forth pleasantly:
For him that mine anointed is
a lamp ordain'd have I.
18 As with a garment I will clothe
with shame his en'mies all:
But yet the crown that he doth wear
upon him flourish shall.

PSALM CXXXIII.

1 BEHOLD, how good a thing it is,
and how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
in unity to dwell!
2 Like precious ointment on the head,
that down the beard did flow,
Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the skirts
did of his garments go.
3 As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth
on Sion' hills descend:
For there the blessing God commands,
life that shall never end.

PSALM CXXXIV.

1 BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye
that his attendants are,
Ev'n you that in God's temple be,
and praise him nightly there.
2 Your hands within God's holy place
lift up, and praise his name.
3 From Sion' hill the Lord thee bless,
that heav'n and earth did frame.

PSALM CXXXV.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord, the Lord's name
his servants, praise ye God. [praise;
2 Who stand in God's house, in the courts
of our God make abode.
3 Praise ye the Lord, for he is good;
unto him praises sing:
Sing praises to his name, because
it is a pleasant thing.
4 For Jacob to himself the Lord
did chuse of his good pleasure,
And he hath chosen Israel
for his peculiar treasure.
5 Because I know assuredly
the Lord is very great,
And that our Lord above all gods
in glory hath his seat.
6 What things soever pleas'd the Lord,
that in the heav'n did he,
And in the earth, the seas, and all
the places deep that be.
7 He from the ends of earth doth make
the vapours to ascend;
With rain he lightnings makes, and
doth from his treasures send. [wind
8 Egypt's first-born, from man to beast
9 who smote. Strange tokens he
On Phar'oh and his servants sent,
Egypt, in midst of thee.
10 He smote great nations, slew great
11 Sihon of Heshbon king, [kings:
And Og of Bashan, and to nought
did Canaan's kingdoms bring:
12 And for a wealthy heritage
their pleasant land he gave,
An heritage which Israel,
his chosen folk, should have.
13 Thy name, O Lord, shall still endure,
and thy memorial
With honour shall continu'd be
to generations all.
14 For why, the righteous God will judge
his people righteously;
Concerning those that do him serve,
himself repent will he.
15 The idols of the nations
of silver are and gold,
And by the hands of men is made
their fashion and mould.
16 Mouths have they, but they do not
eyes, but they do not see; [speak;
17 Ears have they, but hear not; and in
their mouths no breathing be.
18 Their makers are like them; so are
all that on them rely.
19 O Isr'el's house, bless God; bless God,
O Aaron's family.
20 O bless the Lord, of Levi's house
ye who his servants are;
And bless the holy name of God;
all ye the Lord that fear.
21 And blessed be the Lord our God
from Sion's holy hill,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
The Lord O praise ye still.

PSALM CXXXVI.

1 GIVE thanks to God, for good is he:
for mercy hath he ever.
2 Thanks to the God of gods give ye:
for his grace faileth never.
3 Thanks give the Lord of lords unto:
for mercy hath he ever.
4 Who only wonders great can do:
for his grace faileth never.
5 Who by his wisdom made heav'ns high:
for mercy hath he ever.
6 Who stretch'd the earth above the sea:
for his grace faileth never.
7 To him that made the great lights shine:
for mercy hath he ever.
8 The sun to rule till day decline:
for his grace faileth never.
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
for mercy hath he ever.
10 Who Egypt's first-born kill'd outright:
for his grace faileth never.
11 And Isr'el brought from Egypt land:
for mercy hath he ever.
12 With stretch'd-out arm, and with strong
for his grace faileth never. [hand:
13 By whom the Red sea parted was:
for mercy hath he ever.
14 And through its mid'st made Isr'el pass:
for his grace faileth never.
15 But Phar'oh and his host did drown:
for mercy hath he ever.
16 Who through the desert led his own:
for his grace faileth never.
17 To him great kings who overthrew:
for he hath mercy ever.
18 Yea, famous kings in battle slew:
for his grace faileth never.
19 Ev'n Sihon king of Amorites:
for he hath mercy ever.
20 And Og the king of Bashanites:
for his grace faileth never.
21 Their land in heritage to have:
(for mercy hath he ever.)
22 His servant Isr'el right he gave:
for his grace faileth never.
23 In our low state who on us thought:
for he hath mercy ever.
24 And from our foes our freedom wrought:
for his grace faileth never.

25 Who doth all flesh with food relieve:
for he hath mercy ever.
26 Thanks to the God of heaven give:
for his grace faileth never.

Another of the same.

1 PRAISE God, for he is kind:
His mercy lasts for aye.
2 Give thanks with heart and mind
To God of gods alway:
For certainly
His mercies dure
Most firm and sure
Eternally.

3 The Lord of lords praise ye,
Whose mercies still endure.
4 Great wonders only he
Doth work by his great pow'r:
For certainly, &c.

5 Which God omnipotent,
By might and wisdom high,
The heav'n and firmament
Did frame, as we may see:
For certainly, &c.

6 To him who did outstretch
This earth so great and wide,
Above the waters' reach
Making it to abide:
For certainly, &c.

7 Great lights he made to be;
For his grace lasteth aye:
8 Such as the sun we see,
To rule the lightsome day:
For certainly, &c.

9 Also the moon so clear,
Which shineth in our sight;
The stars that do appear,
To guide the darksome night:
For certainly, &c.

10 To him that Egypt smote,
Who did his message scorn;
And in his anger hot
Did kill all their first-born:
For certainly, &c.

11 Thence Isr'el out he brought;
For his grace lasteth ever.
12 With a strong hand he wrought,
And stretch'd-out arm deliver:
For certainly, &c.

13 The sea he cut in two;
For his grace lasteth still.
14 And through its midst to go
Made his own Israel:
For certainly, &c.

15 But overwhelm'd and lost
Was proud king Pharaoh,
With all his mighty host,
And chariots there also:
For certainly, &c.

16 To him who pow'rfully
His chosen people led,
Ev'n through the desert dry,
And in that place them fed:
For certainly, &c.

17 To him great kings who smote;
For his grace hath no bound.
18 Who slew, and spared not
Kings famous and renown'd:
For certainly, &c.

19 Sihon the Am'rites king;
For his grace lasteth ever:
20 Og also, who did reign
The land of Bashan over:
For certainly, &c.

21 Their land by lot he gave;
For his grace faileth never,
22 That Isr'el might it have
In heritage for ever:
For certainly, &c.

23 Who hath remembered
Us in our low estate;
24 And us delivered
From foes which did us hate:
For certainly, &c.

25 Who to all flesh gives food;
For his grace faileth never.
26 Give thanks to God most good,
The God of heav'n, for ever:
For certainly, &c.

PSALM CXXXVII.

1 BY Babel's streams we sat and wept,
when Sion we thought on.
2 In midst thereof we hang'd our harps
the willow-trees upon.
3 For there a song required they,
who did us captive bring:
Our spoilers call'd for mirth, and said,
A song of Sion sing.

4 O how the Lord's song shall we sing
within a foreign land?
5 If thee, Jerus'lem, I forget,
skill part from my right hand.
6 My tongue to my mouth's roof let cleave,
if I do thee forget,
Jerusalem, and thee above
my chief joy do not set.

7 Remember Edom's children, Lord,
who in Jerus'lem's day,
Ev'n unto its foundation,
Raze, raze it quite, did say.
8 O daughter thou of Babylon,
near to destruction;
Bless'd shall he be that thee rewards,
as thou to us hast done.

9 Yea, happy surely shall he be
thy tender little ones
Who shall lay hold upon, and them
shall dash against the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

1 THEE will I praise with all my heart,
I will sing praise to thee
2 Before the gods: And worship will
toward thy sanctuary.
I'll praise thy name, ev'n for thy truth,
and kindness of thy love;
For thou thy word hast magnify'd
all thy great name above.
3 Thou didst me answer in the day
when I to thee did cry;
And thou my fainting soul with strength
didst strengthen inwardly.
4 All kings upon the earth that are
shall give thee praise, O Lord;
When as they from thy mouth shall hear
thy true and faithful word.
5 Yea, in the righteous ways of God
with gladness they shall sing:
For great's the glory of the Lord,
who doth for ever reign.
6 Though God be high, yet he respects
all those that lowly be;
Whereas the proud and lofty ones
afar off knoweth he.
7 Though I in midst of trouble walk,
I life from thee shall have:
'Gainst my foes' wrath thou'lt stretch
thine hand;
thy right hand shall me save.
8 Surely that which concerneth me
the Lord will perfect make:
Lord, still thy mercy lasts; do not
thine own hands' works forsake.

PSALM CXXXIX.

1 O LORD, thou hast me search'd and
known.
2 Thou know'st my sitting down,
And rising up; yea, all my thoughts
afar to thee are known.
3 My footsteps, and my lying down,
thou compassest always;
Thou also most entirely art
acquaint with all my ways.
4 For in my tongue, before I speak,
not any word can be,
But altogether, lo, O Lord,
it is well known to thee.
5 Behind, before, thou hast beset,
and laid on me thine hand.
6 Such knowledge is too strange for me,
too high to understand.
7 From thy Sp'rit whither shall I go?
or from thy presence fly?
8 Ascend I heav'n, lo, thou art there;
there, if in hell I lie.
9 Take I the morning wings, and dwell
in utmost parts of sea;
10 Ev'n there, Lord, shall thy hand me lead,
thy right hand hold shall me.
11 If I do say that darkness shall
me cover from thy sight,
Then surely shall the very night
about me be as light.
12 Yea, darkness hideth not from thee,
but night doth shine as day:
To thee the darkness and the light
are both alike alway.
13 For thou possessed hast my reins,
and thou hast cover'd me,
When I within my mother's womb
inclosed was by thee.
14 Thee will I praise; for fearfully
and strangely made I am;
Thy works are marv'llous, and right
my soul doth know the same. [well
15 My substance was not hid from thee,
when as in secret I
Was made; and in earth's lowest parts
was wrought most curiously.
16 Thine eyes my substance did behold,
yet being unperfect;
And in the volume of thy book
my members all were writ;
Which after in continuance
were fashion'd ev'ry one,
When as they yet all shapeless were,
and of them there was none.
17 How precious also are thy thoughts,
O gracious God, to me!
And in their sum how passing great
and numberless they be!
18 If I should count them, than the sand
they more in number be:
What time soever I awake,
I ever am with thee.
19 Thou, Lord, wilt sure the wicked slay:
hence from me bloody men.
20 Thy foes against thee loudly speak,
and take thy name in vain.
21 Do not I hate all those, O Lord,
that hatred bear to thee?
With those that up against thee rise
can I but grieved be?
22 With perfect hatred them I hate,
my foes I them do hold.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart,
try me, my thoughts unfold:
24 And see if any wicked way
there be at all in me;
And in thine everlasting way
to me a leader be.

PSALM CXL.

1 LORD, from the ill and froward man
give me deliverance,
And do thou safe preserve me from
the man of violence:
2 Who in their heart mischievous things
are meditating ever;
And they for war assembled are
continually together.

3 Much like unto a serpent's tongue
their tongues they sharp do make;
And underneath their lips there lies
the poison of a snake.
4 Lord, keep me from the wicked's hands,
from vi'lent men me save;
Who utterly to overthrow
my goings purpos'd have.
5 The proud for me a snare have hid,
and cords; yea, they a net
Have by the way-side for me spread;
they grins for me have set.
6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art
my God: unto the cry
Of all my supplications,
Lord, do thine ear apply.
7 O God the Lord, who art the strength
of my salvation:
A cov'ring in the day of war
my head thou hast put on.
8 Unto the wicked man, O Lord,
his wishes do not grant;
Nor further thou his ill device,
lest they themselves should vaunt.
9 As for the head and chief of those
about that compass me,
Ev'n by the mischief of their lips
let thou them cover'd be.
10 Let burning coals upon them fall,
them throw in fiery flame,
And in deep pits, that they no more
may rise out of the same.
11 Let not an evil speaker be
on earth established:
Mischief shall hunt the vi'lent man,
till he be ruined.
12 I know God will th' afflicted's cause
maintain, and poor men's right.
13 Surely the just shall praise thy name;
th' upright dwell in thy sight.

PSALM CXLI.

1 O LORD, I unto thee do cry,
do thou make haste to me,
And give an ear unto my voice,
when I cry unto thee.
2 As incense let my prayer be
directed in thine eyes;
And the uplifting of my hands
as th' ev'ning sacrifice.
3 Set, Lord, a watch before my mouth,
keep of my lips the door.
4 My heart incline thou not unto
the ills I should abhor,
To practise wicked works with men
that work iniquity;
And with their delicates my taste
let me not satisfy.
5 Let him that righteous is me smite,
it shall a kindness be;
Let him reprove, I shall it count
a precious oil to me:
Such smiting shall not break my head;
for yet the time shall fall,
When I in their calamities
to God pray for them shall.
6 When as their judges down shall be
in stony places cast,
Then shall they hear my words; for they
shall sweet be to their taste.
7 About the grave's devouring mouth
our bones are scatter'd round,
As wood which men do cut and cleave
lies scatter'd on the ground.
8 But unto thee, O God the Lord,
mine eyes uplifted be:
My soul do not leave destitute;
my trust is set on thee.
9 Lord, keep me safely from the snares
which they for me prepare;
And from the subtile grins of them
that wicked workers are.
10 Let workers of iniquity
into their own nets fall,
Whilst I do, by thine help, escape
the danger of them all.

PSALM CXLII.

1 I WITH my voice cry'd to the Lord,
with it made my request:
2 Pour'd out to him my plaint, to him
my trouble I exprest.
3 When in me was o'erwhelm'd my sp'rit,
then well thou knew'st my way;
Where I did walk a snare for me,
they privily did lay.
4 I look'd on my right hand, and view'd,
but none to know me were;
All refuge failed me, no man
did for my soul take care.
5 I cry'd to thee; I said, Thou art
my refuge, Lord, alone;
And in the land of those that live
thou art my portion.
6 Because I am brought very low,
attend unto my cry:
Me from my persecutors save,
who stronger are than I.
7 From prison bring my soul, that I
thy name may glorify:
The just shall compass me, when thou
with me deal'st bounteously.

PSALM CXLIII.

1 LORD, hear my pray'r, attend my
and in thy faithfulness [suits;
Give thou an answer unto me,
and in thy righteousness.
2 Thy servant also bring thou not
in judgment to be try'd:
Because no living man can be
in thy sight justify'd.
3 For th' en'my hath pursu'd my soul,
my life to ground down tread:
In darkness he hath made me dwell,
as who have long been dead.

4 My sp'rit is therefore overwhelm'd
in me perplexedly;
Within me is my very heart
amazed wondrously.
5 I call to mind the days of old,
to meditate I use
On all thy works; upon the deeds
I of thy hands do muse.
6 My hands to thee I stretch; my soul
thirsts, as dry land, for thee.
7 Haste, Lord, to hear, my spirit fails:
hide not thy face from me;
Lest like to them I do become
that go down to the dust.
8 At morn let me thy kindness hear;
for in thee do I trust.
Teach me the way that I should walk:
I lift my soul to thee.
9 Lord, free me from my foes; I flee
to thee to cover me.
10 Because thou art my God, to do
thy will do me instruct:
Thy Sp'rit is good, me to the land
of uprightness conduct.
11 Revive and quicken me, O Lord,
ev'n for thine own name's sake;
And do thou, for thy righteousness,
my soul from trouble take.
12 And of thy mercy slay my foes;
let all destroyed be
That do afflict my soul: for I
a servant am to thee.

Another of the same.

1 OH, hear my prayer, Lord,
And unto my desire
To bow thine ear accord,
I humbly thee require;
And, in thy faithfulness,
Unto me answer make,
And, in thy righteousness,
Upon me pity take.

2 In judgment enter not
With me thy servant poor;
For why, this well I wot,
No sinner can endure
The sight of thee, O God:
If thou his deeds shalt try,
He dare make none abode
Himself to justify.

3 Behold, the cruel foe
Me persecutes with spite,
My soul to overthrow:
Yea, he my life down quite
Unto the ground hath smote,
And made me dwell full low
In darkness, as forgot,
Or men dead long ago.

4 Therefore my sp'rit much vex'd,
O'erwhelm'd is me within;
My heart right sore perplex'd
And desolate hath been.

5 Yet I do call to mind
What ancient days record,
Thy works of ev'ry kind
I think upon, O Lord.
6 Lo, I do stretch my hands
To thee, my help alone;
For thou well understands
All my complaint and moan:
My thirsting soul desires,
And longeth after thee,
As thirsty ground requires
With rain refresh'd to be.
7 Lord, let my pray'r prevail,
To answer it make speed;
For, lo, my sp'rit doth fail:
Hide not thy face in need;
Lest I be like to those
That do in darkness sit,
Or him that downward goes
Into the dreadful pit.
8 Because I trust in thee,
O Lord, cause me to hear
Thy loving-kindness free,
When morning doth appear:
Cause me to know the way
Wherein my path should be;
For why, my soul on high
I do lift up to thee.
9 From my fierce enemy
In safety do me guide,
Because I flee to thee,
Lord, that thou may'st me hide.
10 My God alone art thou,
Teach me thy righteousness:
Thy Sp'rit's good, lead me to
The land of uprightness.
11 O Lord, for thy name's sake,
Be pleas'd to quicken me;
And, for thy truth, forth take
My soul from misery.
12 And of thy grace destroy
My foes, and put to shame
All who my soul annoy;
For I thy servant am.

PSALM CXLIV.

1 O BLESSED ever be the Lord,
who is my strength and might,
Who doth instruct my hands to war,
my fingers teach to fight.
2 My goodness, fortress, my high tow'r,
deliverer, and shield,
In whom I trust: who under me
my people makes to yield.
3 Lord, what is man, that thou of him
dost so much knowledge take?
Or son of man, that thou of him
so great account dost make?
4 Man is like vanity; his days,
as shadows, pass away.
5 Lord, bow thy heav'ns, come down,
touch thou
the hills, and smoke shall they.

6 Cast forth thy lightning, scatter them;
thine arrows shoot, them rout.
7 Thine hand send from above, me save;
from great depths draw me out;
And from the hand of children strange,
8 Whose mouth speaks vanity;
And their right hand is a right hand
that works deceitfully.

9 A new song I to thee will sing,
Lord, on a psaltery;
I on a ten-string'd instrument
will praises sing to thee.
10 Ev'n he it is that unto kings
salvation doth send;
Who his own servant David doth
from hurtful sword defend.

11 O free me from strange children's hand,
whose mouth speaks vanity;
And their right hand a right hand is
that works deceitfully.
12 That, as the plants, our sons may be
in youth grown up that are;
Our daughters like to corner-stones,
carv'd like a palace fair.

13 That to afford all kind of store
our garners may be fill'd;
That our sheep thousands, in our streets
ten thousands they may yield.
14 That strong our oxen be for work,
that no in-breaking be,
Nor going out; and that our streets
may from complaints be free.

15 Those people blessed are who be
in such a case as this;
Yea, blessed all those people are,
whose God JEHOVAH is.

PSALM CXLV.

1 I'LL thee extol, my God, O King;
I'll bless thy name always.
2 Thee will I bless each day, and will
thy name for ever praise.
3 Great is the Lord, much to be prais'd;
his greatness search exceeds.
4 Race unto race shall praise thy works,
and shew thy mighty deeds.

5 I of thy glorious majesty
the honour will record;
I'll speak of all thy mighty works,
which wondrous are, O Lord.
6 Men of thine acts the might shall show,
thine acts that dreadful are;
And I, thy glory to advance,
thy greatness will declare.

7 The mem'ry of thy goodness great
they largely shall express;
With songs of praise they shall extol
thy perfect righteousness.
8 The Lord is very gracious,
in him compassions flow;
In mercy he is very great,
and is to anger slow.

9 The Lord JEHOVAH unto all
his goodness doth declare;
And over all his other works
his tender mercies are.
10 Thee all thy works shall praise, O Lord,
and thee thy saints shall bless;
11 They shall thy kingdom's glory show,
thy pow'r by speech express:

12 To make the sons of men to know
his acts done mightily,
And of his kingdom th' excellent
and glorious majesty.
13 Thy kingdom shall for ever stand,
thy reign through ages all.
14 God raiseth all that are bow'd down,
upholdeth all that fall.

15 The eyes of all things wait on thee,
the giver of all good;
And thou, in time convenient,
bestow'st on them their food:
16 Thine hand thou open'st lib'rally,
and of thy bounty gives
Enough to satisfy the needy
of ev'ry thing that lives.

17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
holy in his works all.
18 God's near to all that call on him,
in truth that on him call.
19 He will accomplish the desire
of those that do him fear:
He also will deliver them,
and he their cry will hear.

20 The Lord preserves all who him love,
that nought can them annoy:
But he all those that wicked are
will utterly destroy.
21 My mouth the praises of the Lord
to publish cease shall never:
Let all flesh bless his holy name
for ever and for ever.

Another of the same.

1 O LORD, thou art my God and King;
Thee will I magnify and praise:
I will thee bless and gladly sing
Unto thy holy name always.
2 Each day I rise I will thee bless,
And praise thy name time without end.
3 Much to be prais'd, and great God is;
His greatness none can comprehend.

4 Race shall thy works praise unto race,
The mighty acts show done by thee.
5 I will speak of the glorious grace,
And honour of thy majesty;
Thy wondrous works I will record.
6 By men the might shall be extoll'd
Of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord:
And I thy greatness will unfold.

7 They utter shall abundantly
The mem'ry of thy goodness great;
And shall sing praises cheerfully,
Whilst they thy righteousness relate.

8 The Lord our God is gracious,
Compassionate is he also;
In mercy he is plenteous,
But unto wrath and anger slow.
9 Good unto all men is the Lord:
O'er all his works his mercy is.
10 Thy works all praise to thee afford:
Thy saints, O Lord, thy name shall bless.
11 The glory of thy kingdom show
Shall they, and of thy power tell:
12 That so men's sons his deeds may know,
His kingdom's grace that doth excel.
13 Thy kingdom hath none end at all,
It doth through ages all remain.
14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
The cast-down raiseth up again.
15 The eyes of all things, Lord, attend,
And on thee wait that here do live,
And thou, in season due, dost send
Sufficient food them to relieve.
16 Yea, thou thine hand dost open wide,
And ev'ry thing dost satisfy
That lives, and doth on earth abide,
Of thy great liberality.
17 The Lord is just in his ways all,
And holy in his works each one.
18 He's near to all that on him call,
Who call in truth on him alone.
19 God will the just desire fulfil
Of such as do him fear and dread:
Their cry regard, and hear he will,
And save them in the time of need.
20 The Lord preserves all, more and less,
That bear to him a loving heart:
But workers all of wickedness
Destroy will he, and clean subvert.
21 Therefore my mouth and lips I'll frame
To speak the praises of the Lord:
To magnify his holy name
For ever let all flesh accord.

PSALM CXLVI.

1 PRAISE God. The Lord praise, O my
2 I'll praise God while I live; [soul.
While I have being to my God
in songs I'll praises give.
3 Trust not in princes, nor man's son,
in whom there is no stay:
4 His breath departs, to's earth he turns;
that day his thoughts decay.
5 O happy is that man and blest,
whom Jacob's God doth aid;
Whose hope upon the Lord doth rest,
and on his God is stay'd:
6 Who made the earth and heavens high,
who made the swelling deep,
And all that is within the same;
who truth doth ever keep:
7 Who righteous judgment executes
for those oppress'd that be,
Who to the hungry giveth food;
God sets the pris'ners free.
8 The Lord doth give the blind their sight,
the bowed down doth raise:
The Lord doth dearly love all those
that walk in upright ways.
9 The stranger's shield, the widow's stay,
the orphan's help, is he:
But yet by him the wicked's way
turn'd upside down shall be.
10 The Lord shall reign for evermore:
thy God, O Sion, he
Reigns to all generations.
Praise to the Lord give ye.

PSALM CXLVII.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord; for it is good
praise to our God to sing:
For it is pleasant, and to praise
it is a comely thing.
2 God doth build up Jerusalem;
and he it is alone
That the dispers'd of Israel
doth gather into one.
3 Those that are broken in their heart,
and grieved in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
he tenderly up-binds.
4 He counts the number of the stars;
he names them ev'ry one.
5 Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r;
his wisdom search can none.
6 The Lord lifts up the meek; and casts
the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the Lord, and give him thanks;
on harp his praises sound;
8 Who covereth the heav'n with clouds,
who for the earth below
Prepareth rain, who maketh grass
upon the mountains grow.
9 He gives the beast his food, he feeds
the ravens young that cry.
10 His pleasure not in horses' strength,
nor in men's legs, doth lie.
11 But in all those that do him fear
the Lord doth pleasure take;
In those that to his mercy do
by hope themselves betake.
12 The Lord praise, O Jerusalem;
Sion, thy God confess:
13 For thy gates' bars he maketh strong;
thy sons in thee doth bless.
14 He in thy borders maketh peace;
with fine wheat filleth thee.
15 He sends forth his command on earth,
his word runs speedily.
16 Hoar-frost, like ashes, scatt'reth he;
like wool he snow doth give:
17 Like morsels casteth forth his ice;
who in its cold can live?
18 He sendeth forth his mighty word,
and melteth them again;
His wind he makes to blow, and then
the waters flow amain.

19 The doctrine of his holy word
to Jacob he doth show;
His statutes and his judgments he
gives Israel to know.
20 To any nation never he
such favour did afford;
For they his judgments have not known.
O do ye praise the Lord.

PSALM CXLVIII.

1 PRAISE God. From heavens praise the Lord,
in heights praise to him be.
2 All ye his angels, praise ye him;
his hosts all, praise him ye.
3 O praise ye him, both sun and moon,
praise him, all stars of light.
4 Ye heav'ns of heav'ns him praise, and
above the heavens' height. [floods

5 Let all the creatures praise the name
of our almighty Lord:
For he commanded, and they were
created by his word.
6 He also, for all times to come,
hath them establish'd sure;
He hath appointed them a law,
which ever shall endure.

7 Praise ye JEHOVAH from the earth,
dragons, and ev'ry deep:
8 Fire, hail, snow, vapour, stormy wind,
his word that fully keep.
9 All hills and mountains, fruitful trees,
and all ye cedars high:
10 Beasts, and all cattle, creeping things,
and all ye birds that fly.

11 Kings of the earth, all nations,
princes, earth's judges all:
12 Both young men, yea, and maidens too,
old men, and children small.
13 Let them God's name praise; for his
alone is excellent: [name
His glory reacheth far above
the earth and firmament.

14 His people's horn, the praise of all
his saints, exalteth he;
Ev'n Isr'el's seed, a people near
to him. The Lord praise ye.

Another of the same.

1 THE Lord of heav'n confess,
On high his glory raise.
2 Him let all angels bless,
Him all his armies praise.
3 Him glorify
Sun, moon, and stars;
4 Ye higher spheres,
And cloudy sky.

5 From God your beings are,
Him therefore famous make:
You all created were,
When he the word but spake.
6 And from that place,
Where fix'd you be
By his decree,
You cannot pass.
7 Praise God from earth below,
Ye dragons, and ye deeps:
8 Fire, hail, clouds, wind, and snow,
Whom in command he keeps.
9 Praise ye his name,
Hills great and small,
Trees low and tall;
10 Beasts wild and tame;
All things that creep or fly.
11 Ye kings, ye vulgar throng,
All princes mean or high;
12 Both men and virgins young,
Ev'n young and old,
13 Exalt his name;
For much his fame
Should be extoll'd.
O let God's name be prais'd
Above both earth and sky;
14 For he his saints hath rais'd,
And set their horn on high;
Ev'n those that be
Of Isr'el's race,
Near to his grace.
The Lord praise ye.

PSALM CXLIX.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord: unto him sing
a new song, and his praise
In the assembly of his saints
in sweet psalms do ye raise.
2 Let Isr'el in his Maker joy,
and to him praises sing:
Let all that Sion's children are
be joyful in their King.
3 O let them unto his great name
give praises in the dance;
Let them with timbrel and with harp
in songs his praise advance.
4 For God doth pleasure take in those
that his own people be;
And he with his salvation
the meek will beautify.
5 And in his glory excellent
let all his saints rejoice:
Let them to him upon their beds
aloud lift up their voice.
6 Let in their mouth aloft be rais'd
the high praise of the Lord,
And let them have in their right hand
a sharp two-edged sword;
7 To execute the vengeance due
upon the heathen all,
And make deserved punishment
upon the people fall.
8 And ev'n with chains, as pris'ners, bind
their kings that them command;
Yea, and with iron fetters strong,
the nobles of their land.

9 On them the judgment to perform
found written in his word:
This honour is to all his saints.
O do ye praise the Lord.

PSALM CL.

1 PRAISE ye the Lord. God's praise within
his sanctuary raise;
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2 Because of all his mighty acts,
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I. GENESIS i.

1 LET heav'n arise, let earth appear,
said the Almighty Lord:
The heav'n arose, the earth appear'd,
at his creating word.
2 Thick darkness brooded o'er the deep:
God said, "Let there be light:"
The light shone forth with smiling ray,
and scatter'd ancient night.

3 He bade the clouds ascend on high;
the clouds ascend, and bear
A wat'ry treasure to the sky,
and float upon the air.
4 The liquid element below
was gather'd by his hand;
The rolling seas together flow,
and leave the solid land.

5 With herbs, and plants, and fruitful trees,
the new-form'd globe he crown'd,
Ere there was rain to bless the soil,
or sun to warm the ground.
6 Then high in heav'n's resplendent arch
he plac'd two orbs of light,
He set the sun to rule the day,
the moon to rule the night.

7 Next, from the deep, th' Almighty King
did vital beings frame;
Fowls of the air of ev'ry wing,
and fish of ev'ry name.
8 To all the various brutal tribes
he gave their wondrous birth;
At once the lion and the worm
sprung from the teeming earth.

9 Then, chief o'er all his works below,
at last was Adam made;
His Maker's image bless'd his soul,
and glory crown'd his head.
10 Fair in the Almighty Maker's eye
the whole creation stood.
He view'd the fabrick he had rais'd;
his word pronounc'd it good.

II. GENESIS xxviii. 20—22.

1 O GOD of Bethel! by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led:

2 Our vows, our pray'rs, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! be the God
of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
our wand'ring footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.
4 O spread thy cov'ring wings around,
till all our wand'rings cease,
And at our Father's lov'd abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble pray'rs implore;
And thou shalt be our chosen God,
and portion evermore.

III. JOB i. 21.

1 NAKED as from the earth we came,
and enter'd life at first;
Naked we to the earth return,
and mix with kindred dust.
2 Whate'er we fondly call our own
belongs to heav'n's great Lord;
The blessings lent us for a day
are soon to be restor'd.

3 'Tis God that lifts our comforts high,
or sinks them in the grave:
He gives; and, when he takes away,
he takes but what he gave.
4 Then, ever blessed be his name!
his goodness swell'd our store;
His justice but resumes its own;
'tis ours still to adore.

IV. JOB iii. 17—20.

1 HOW still and peaceful is the grave!
where, life's vain tumults past,
Th' appointed house, by Heav'n's decree,
receives us all at last.
2 The wicked there from troubling cease,
their passions rage no more;
And there the weary pilgrim rests
from all the toils he bore.

3 There rest the pris'ners, now releas'd
from slav'ry's sad abode;
No more they hear th' oppressor's voice,
or dread the tyrant's rod.

4 There servants, masters, small and great,
partake the same repose;
And there, in peace, the ashes mix
of those who once were foes.

5 All, levell'd by the hand of Death,
lie sleeping in the tomb;
Till God in judgment calls them forth,
to meet their final doom.

V. JOB v. 6—12.

1 THO' trouble springs not from the dust,
nor sorrow from the ground;
Yet ills on ills, by Heav'n's decree,
in man's estate are found.

2 As sparks in close succession rise,
so man, the child of woe,
Is doom'd to endless cares and toils
through all his life below.

3 But with my God I leave my cause;
from him I seek relief;
To him, in confidence of pray'r,
unbosom all my grief.

4 Unnumber'd are his wondrous works,
unsearchable his ways;
'Tis his the mourning soul to cheer,
the bowed down to raise.

VI. JOB viii. 11—22.

1 THE rush may rise where waters flow,
and flags beside the stream;
But soon their verdure fades and dies
before the scorching beam:

2 So is the sinner's hope cut off;
or, if it transient rise,
'Tis like the spider's airy web,
from ev'ry breath that flies.

3 Fix'd on his house he leans; his house
and all its props decay:
He holds it fast; but, while he holds,
the tott'ring frame gives way.

4 Fair, in his garden, to the sun
his boughs with verdure smile;
And, deeply fix'd, his spreading roots
unshaken stand a while.

5 But forth the sentence flies from Heav'n,
that sweeps him from his place;
Which then denies him for its lord,
nor owns it knew his face.

6 Lo! this the joy of wicked men,
who Heav'n's high laws despise:
They quickly fall; and in their room
as quickly others rise.

7 But, for the just, with gracious care,
God will his pow'r employ;
He'll teach their lips to sing his praise,
and fill their hearts with joy.

VII. JOB ix. 2—10.

1 HOW should the sons of Adam's race
be pure before their God?
If he contends in righteousness,
we sink beneath his rod.

2 If he should mark my words and thoughts
with strict inquiring eyes,
Could I for one of thousand faults
the least excuse devise?

3 Strong is his arm, his heart is wise;
who dares with him contend?
Or who, that tries th' unequal strife,
shall prosper in the end?

4 He makes the mountains feel his wrath,
and their old seats forsake;
The trembling earth deserts her place,
and all her pillars shake.

5 He bids the sun forbear to rise;
th' obedient sun forbears:
His hand with sackcloth spreads the skies,
and seals up all the stars.

6 He walks upon the raging sea;
flies on the stormy wind:
None can explore his wondrous way,
or his dark footsteps find.

VIII. JOB xiv. 1—15.

1 FEW are thy days, and full of woe,
O man, of woman born!
Thy doom is written, "Dust thou art,
"and shalt to dust return."

2 Behold the emblem of thy state
in flow'rs that bloom and die,
Or in the shadow's fleeting form,
that mocks the gazer's eye.

3 Guilty and frail, how shalt thou stand
before thy sov'reign Lord?
Can troubled and polluted springs
a hallow'd stream afford?

4 Determin'd are the days that fly
successive o'er thy head;
The number'd hour is on the wing
that lays thee with the dead.

5 Great God! afflict not in thy wrath
the short allotted span,
That bounds the few and weary days
of pilgrimage to man.

6 All nature dies, and lives again:
the flow'r that paints the field,
The trees that crown the mountains brow,
and boughs and blossoms yield,

7 Resign the honours of their form
at Winter's stormy blast,
And leave the naked leafless plain
a desolated waste.

8 Yet soon reviving plants and flow'rs
anew shall deck the plain;
The woods shall hear the voice of Spring,
and flourish green again.

9 But man forsakes this earthly scene,
ah! never to return:
Shall any foll'wing spring revive
the ashes of the urn?

10 The mighty flood that rolls along
its torrents to the main,
Can ne'er recall its waters lost
from that abyss again.

11 So days, and years, and ages past,
descending down to night,
Can henceforth never more return
back to the gates of light;
12 And man, when laid in lonesome grave,
shall sleep in Death's dark gloom,
Until th' eternal morning wake
the slumbers of the tomb.

13 O may the grave become to me
the bed of peaceful rest,
Whence I shall gladly rise at length,
and mingle with the blest!
14 Cheer'd by this hope, with patient mind,
I'll wait Heav'n's high decree,
Till the appointed period come,
when death shall set me free.

IX. JOB xxvi. 6, to the end.

1 WHO can resist th' Almighty arm
that made the starry sky?
Or who elude the certain glance
of God's all-seeing eye?
2 From him no cov'ring vails our crimes;
hell opens to his sight;
And all Destruction's secret snares
lie full disclos'd in light.

3 Firm on the boundless void of space
he pois'd the steady pole,
And in the circle of his clouds
bade secret waters roll.
4 While nature's universal frame
its Maker's pow'r reveals,
His throne, remote from mortal eyes,
an awful cloud conceals.

5 From where the rising day ascends,
to where it sets in night,
He compasses the floods with bounds,
and checks their threat'ning might.
6 The pillars that support the sky
tremble at his rebuke;
Through all its caverns quakes the earth,
as though its centre shook.

7 He brings the waters from their beds,
although no tempest blows,
And smites the kingdom of the proud
without the hand of foes.
8 With bright inhabitants above
he fills the heav'nly land,
And all the crooked serpent's breed
dismay'd before him stand.

9 Few of his works can we survey;
these few our skill transcend:
But the full thunder of his pow'r
what heart can comprehend?

X. PROV. i. 20—31.

1 IN streets, and op'nings of the gates,
where pours the busy crowd,
Thus heav'nly Wisdom lifts her voice,
and cries to men aloud:
2 How long, ye scorners of the truth,
scornful will ye remain?
How long shall fools their folly love,
and hear my words in vain?

3 O turn, at last, at my reproof!
and, in that happy hour,
His bless'd effusions on your heart
my Spirit down shall pour.
4 But since so long, with earnest voice,
to you in vain I call,
Since all my counsels and reproofs
thus ineffectual fall;

5 The time will come, when humbled low,
in Sorrow's evil day,
Your voice by anguish shall be taught,
but taught too late, to pray.
6 When, like the whirlwind, o'er the deep
comes Desolation's blast;
Pray'rs then extorted shall be vain,
the hour of mercy past.

7 The choice you made has fix'd your doom;
for this is Heav'n's decree,
That with the fruits of what he sow'd
the sinner fill'd shall be.

XI. PROV. iii. 13—17.

1 O HAPPY is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial Wisdom makes
his early, only choice.
2 For she has treasures greater far
than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
than all their stores of gold.

3 In her right hand she holds to view
a length of happy days;
Riches, with splendid honours join'd,
are what her left displays.
4 She guides the young with innocence,
in pleasure's paths to tread,
A crown of glory she bestows
upon the hoary head.

5 According as her labours rise,
so her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.

XII. PROV. vi. 6—12.

1 YE indolent and slothful! rise, and be wise;
View the ant's labours,
She has no guide to point her way,
No ruler chiding her delay:
2 Yet see with what incessant cares
She for the winter's storm prepares;
In summer she provides her meat,
And harvest finds her store complete.

3 But when will slothful man arise?
How long shall sleep seal up his eyes?
Sloth more indulgence still demands;
Sloth shuts the eyes, and folds the hands.
4 But mark the end; want shall assail,
When all your strength and vigour fail;
Want, like an armed man, shall rush
The hoary head of age to crush.

XIII. PROV. viii. 23, to the end.

1 KEEP silence, all ye sons of men,
and hear with rev'rence due;
Eternal Wisdom from above
thus lifts her voice to you:
2 I was th' Almighty's chief delight
from everlasting days,
Ere yet his arm was stretched forth
the heav'ns and earth to raise.

3 Before the sea began to flow,
and leave the solid land,
Before the hills and mountains rose,
I dwelt at his right hand.
4 When first he rear'd the arch of heav'n,
and spread the clouds on air,
When first the fountains of the deep
he open'd, I was there.

5 There I was with him, when he stretch'd
his compass o'er the deep,
And charg'd the ocean's swelling waves
within their bounds to keep.
6 With joy I saw th' abode prepar'd
which men were soon to fill:
Them from the first of days I lov'd,
unchang'd, I love them still.

7 Now therefore hearken to my words,
ye children, and be wise:
Happy the man that keeps my ways;
the man that shuns them dies.
8 Where dubious paths perplex the mind,
direction I afford;
Life shall be his that follows me,
and favour from the Lord.

9 But he who scorns my sacred laws
shall deeply wound his heart,
He courts destruction who contemns
the counsel I impart.

XIV. ECCLES. vii. 2—6.

1 WHILE others crowd the house of mirth,
and haunt the gaudy show,
Let such as would with Wisdom dwell,
frequent the house of woe.
2 Better to weep with those who weep,
and share th' afflicted's smart,
Than mix with fools in giddy joys
that cheat and wound the heart.

3 When virtuous sorrow clouds the face,
and tears bedim the eye,
The soul is led to solemn thought,
and wafted to the sky.
4 The wise in heart revisit oft
grief's dark sequester'd cell;
The thoughtless still with levity
and mirth delight to dwell.

5 The noisy laughter of the fool
is like the crackling sound
Of blazing thorns, which quickly fall
in ashes to the ground.

XV. ECCLES. ix. 4, 5, 6, 10.

1 AS long as life its term extends,
Hope's blest dominion never ends;
For while the lamp holds on to burn,
The greatest sinner may return.
2 Life is the season God hath giv'n
To fly from hell, and rise to heav'n;
That day of grace fleets fast away,
And none its rapid course can stay.

3 The living know that they must die;
But all the dead forgotten lie:
Their mem'ry and their name is gone,
Alike unknowing and unknown.
4 Their hatred and their love is lost,
Their envy bury'd in the dust;
They have no share in all that's done
Beneath the circuit of the sun.

5 Then what thy thoughts design to do
Still let thy hands with might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor wisdom underneath the ground.
6 In the cold grave, to which we haste,
There are no acts of pardon past:
But fix'd the doom of all remains,
And everlasting silence reigns.

XVI. ECCLES. xii. 1.

1 IN life's gay morn, when sprightly youth
with vital ardour glows,
And shines in all the fairest charms
which beauty can disclose;
2 Deep on thy soul, before its pow'rs
are yet by vice enslav'd,
Be thy Creator's glorious name
and character engrav'd.

3 For soon the shades of grief shall cloud
the sunshine of thy days;
And cares, and toils, in endless round,
encompass all thy ways.
4 Soon shall thy heart the woes of age
in mournful groans deplore,
And sadly muse on former joys,
that now return no more.

XVII. ISAIAH i. 10—19.

1 RULERS of Sodom! hear the voice
of heav'n's eternal Lord;
Men of Gomorrah! bend your ear
submissive to his word.
2 'Tis thus he speaks: To what intent
are your oblations vain?
Why load my altars with your gifts,
polluted and profane?

3 Burnt-off'rings long may blaze to heav'n,
and incense cloud the skies;
The worship and the worshipper
are hateful in my eyes.
4 Your rites, your fasts, your pray'rs, I scorn,
and pomp of solemn days:
I know your hearts are full of guile,
and crooked are your ways.

5 But cleanse your hands, ye guilty race,
and cease from deeds of sin;
Learn in your actions to be just,
and pure in heart within.
6 Mock not my name with honours vain,
but keep my holy laws;
Do justice to the friendless poor,
and plead the widow's cause.

7 Then though your guilty souls are stain'd
with sins of crimson die,
Yet, through my grace, with snow itself
in whiteness they shall vie.

XVIII. ISAIAH ii. 2—6.

1 BEHOLD! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
On mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wond'ring eyes.
2 To this the joyful nations round,
all tribes and tongues shall flow;
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,
and to his house we'll go.

3 The beam that shines from Sion hill
shall lighten ev'ry land;
The King who reigns in Salem's tow'rs
shall all the world command.
4 Among the nations he shall judge;
his judgments truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.

5 No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
To ploughshares men shall beat their
swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.
6 No longer hosts encount'ring hosts
shall crowds of slain deplore:
They hang the trumpet in the hall,
and study war no more.

7 Come then, O house of Jacob! come
to worship at his shrine;
And, walking in the light of God,
with holy beauties shine.

XIX. ISAIAH ix. 2—8.

1 THE race that long in darkness pin'd
have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.
2 To hail thy rise, thou better Sun!
the gath'ring nations come,
Joyous, as when the reapers bear
the harvest treasures home.

3 For thou our burden hast remov'd,
and quell'd th' oppressor's sway,
Quick as the slaughter'd squadrons fell
in Midian's evil day.
4 To us a Child of hope is born;
to us a Son is giv'n;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heav'n.

5 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore ador'd,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.
6 His pow'r increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

XX. ISAIAH xxvi. 1—7.

1 HOW glorious Sion's courts appear,
the city of our God!
His throne he hath establish'd here,
here fix'd his lov'd abode.
2 Its walls, defended by his grace,
no pow'r shall e'er o'erthrow,
Salvation is its bulwark sure
against th' assailing foe.

3 Lift up the everlasting gates,
the doors wide open fling;
Enter, ye nations, who obey
the statutes of our King.
4 Here shall ye taste unmingled joys,
and dwell in perfect peace,
Ye, who have known JEHOVAH's name,
and trusted in his grace.

5 Trust in the Lord, for ever trust,
and banish all your fears;
Strength in the Lord JEHOVAH dwells
eternal as his years.
6 What though the wicked dwell on high,
his arm shall bring them low;
Low as the caverns of the grave
their lofty heads shall bow.

7 Along the dust shall then be spread
their tow'rs, that brave the skies:
On them the needy's feet shall tread,
and on their ruins rise.

XXI. ISAIAH xxxiii. 13—18.

1 ATTEND, ye tribes that dwell remote,
ye tribes at hand, give ear;
Th' upright in heart alone have hope,
the false in heart have fear.
2 The man who walks with God in truth,
and ev'ry guile disdains;
Who hates to lift oppression's rod,
and scorns its shameful gains;

3 Whose soul abhors the impious bribe
that tempts from truth to stray,
And from th' enticing snares of vice
who turns his eyes away:
4 His dwelling, 'midst the strength of rocks,
shall ever stand secure;
His Father will provide his bread,
his water shall be sure.

5 For him the kingdom of the just
afar doth glorious shine;
And he the King of kings shall see
in majesty divine.

XXII. ISAIAH xl. 27, to the end.

1 WHY pour'st thou forth thine anxious plaint,
despairing of relief,
As if the Lord o'erlook'd thy cause,
and did not heed thy grief?
2 Hast thou not known, hast thou not that firm remains on high [heard,
The everlasting throne of Him
who form'd the earth and sky?

3 Art thou afraid his pow'r shall fail
when comes thy evil day?
And can an all-creating arm
grow weary or decay?
4 Supreme in wisdom as in pow'r
the Rock of ages stands;
Though him thou canst not see, nor
the working of his hands. [trace

5 He gives the conquest to the weak,
supports the fainting heart;
And courage in the evil hour
his heav'nly aids impart.
6 Mere human pow'r shall fast decay,
and youthful vigour cease;
But they who wait upon the Lord,
in strength shall still increase.

7 They with unweary'd feet shall tread
the path of life divine;
With growing ardour onward move,
with growing brightness shine.
8 On eagles' wings they mount, they soar,
their wings are faith and love,
Till, past the cloudy regions here,
they rise to heav'n above.

XXIII. ISAIAH. xlii. 1—13.

1 BEHOLD my Servant! see him rise
exalted in my might!
Him have I chosen, and in him
I place supreme delight.
2 On him, in rich effusion pour'd,
my Spirit shall descend;
My truths and judgments he shall show
to earth's remotest end.

3 Gentle and still shall be his voice,
no threats from him proceed;
The smoking flax he shall not quench,
nor break the bruised reed.
4 The feeble spark to flames he'll raise;
the weak will not despise;
Judgment he shall bring forth to truth,
and make the fallen rise.

5 The progress of his zeal and pow'r
shall never know decline,
Till foreign lands and distant isles
receive the law divine.
6 He who erected heav'n's bright arch,
and bade the planets roll,
Who peopled all the climes of earth,
and form'd the human soul,

7 Thus saith the Lord, Thee have I rais'd,
my Prophet thee install;
In right I've rais'd thee, and in strength
I'll succour whom I call.
8 I will establish with the lands
a covenant in thee,
To give the Gentile nations light,
and set the pris'ners free:

9 Asunder burst the gates of brass;
the iron fetters fall;
And gladsome light and liberty
are straight restor'd to all.
10 I am the Lord, and by the name
of great JEHOVAH known;
No idol shall usurp my praise,
nor mount into my throne.

11 Lo! former scenes, predicted once,
conspicuous rise to view;
And future scenes, predicted now,
shall be accomplish'd too.
12 Sing to the Lord in joyful strains!
let earth his praise resound,
Ye who upon the ocean dwell,
and fill the isles around!

13 O city of the Lord! begin
the universal song;
And let the scatter'd villages
the cheerful notes prolong.
14 Let Kedar's wilderness afar
lift up its lonely voice;
And let the tenants of the rock
with accents rude rejoice;

15 Till 'midst the streams of distant lands
the islands sound his praise;
And all combin'd, with one accord,
JEHOVAH's glories raise.

XXIV. ISAIAH xlix. 13—17.

1 YE heav'ns, send forth your song of praise!
earth, raise your voice below!
Let hills and mountains join the hymn,
and joy through nature flow.
2 Behold how gracious is our God!
hear the consoling strains,
In which he cheers our drooping hearts,
and mitigates our pains.

3 Cease ye, when days of darkness come,
in sad dismay to mourn,
As if the Lord could leave his saints
forsaken or forlorn.
4 Can the fond mother e'er forget
the infant whom she bore?
And can its plaintive cries be heard,
nor move compassion more?

5 She may forget: nature may fail
a parent's heart to move;
But Sion on my heart shall dwell
in everlasting love.
6 Full in my sight, upon my hands
I have engrav'd her name:

My hands shall build her ruin'd walls,
and raise her broken frame.

XXV. ISAIAH liii.

1 HOW few receive with cordial faith
the tidings which we bring?
How few have seen the arm reveal'd
of heav'n's eternal King?
2 The Saviour comes! no outward pomp
bespeaks his presence nigh;
No earthly beauty shines in him
to draw the carnal eye.

3 Fair as a beauteous tender flow'r
amidst the desert grows,
So slighted by a rebel race
the heav'nly Saviour rose.
4 Rejected and despis'd of men,
behold a man of woe!
Grief was his close companion still
through all his life below.

5 Yet all the griefs he felt were ours,
ours were the woes he bore:
Pangs, not his own, his spotless soul
with bitter anguish tore.
6 We held him as condemn'd by Heav'n,
an outcast from his God,
While for our sins he groan'd, he bled,
beneath his Father's rod.

7 His sacred blood hath wash'd our souls
from sin's polluted stain;
His stripes have heal'd us, and his death
reviv'd our souls again.
8 We all, like sheep, had gone astray
in ruin's fatal road:
On him were our transgressions laid;
he bore the mighty load.

9 Wrong'd and oppress'd, how meekly he
in patient silence stood!
Mute, as the peaceful harmless lamb,
when brought to shed its blood.
10 Who can his generation tell?
from prison see him led!
With impious shew of law condemn'd,
and number'd with the dead.

11 'Midst sinners low in dust he lay;
the rich a grave supply'd:
Unspotted was his blameless life;
unstain'd by sin he dy'd.
12 Yet God shall raise his head on high,
though thus he brought him low;
His sacred off'ring, when complete,
shall terminate his woe.

13 For, saith the Lord, my pleasure then
shall prosper in his hand;
His shall a num'rous offspring be,
and still his honours stand.
14 His soul, rejoicing, shall behold
the purchase of his pain;
And all the guilty whom he sav'd
shall bless Messiah's reign.

15 He with the great shall share the spoil,
and baffle all his foes;
Though rank'd with sinners, here he fell,
a conqueror he rose.
16 He dy'd to bear the guilt of men,
that sin might be forgiv'n:
He lives to bless them and defend,
and plead their cause in heav'n.

XXVI. ISAIAH lv.

1 HO! ye that thirst, approach the spring
where living waters flow:
Free to that sacred fountain all
without a price may go.
2 How long to streams of false delight
will ye in crowds repair?
How long your strength and substance waste
on trifles, light as air?

3 My stores afford those rich supplies
that health and pleasure give:
Incline your ear, and come to me;
the soul that hears shall live.
4 With you a cov'nant I will make,
that ever shall endure;
The hope which gladden'd David's heart
my mercy hath made sure.

5 Behold he comes! your leader comes,
with might and honour crown'd;
A witness who shall spread my name
to earth's remotest bound.
6 See! nations hasten to his call
from ev'ry distant shore;
Isles, yet unknown, shall bow to him,
and Isr'el's God adore.

7 Seek ye the Lord while yet his ear
is open to your call;
While offer'd mercy still is near,
before his footstool fall.
8 Let sinners quit their evil ways,
their evil thoughts forego:
And God, when they to him return,
returning grace will show.

9 He pardons with o'erflowing love:
for, hear the voice divine!
My nature is not like to yours,
nor like your ways are mine:
10 But far as heav'n's resplendent orbs
beyond earth's spot extend,
As far my thoughts, as far my ways,
your ways and thoughts transcend.

11 And as the rains from heav'n distil,
nor thither mount again,
But swell the earth with fruitful juice,
and all its tribes sustain:
12 So not a word that flows from me
shall ineffectual fall;
But universal nature prove
obedient to my call.

13 With joy and peace shall then be led
the glad converted lands;

The lofty mountains then shall sing,
the forests clap their hands.
14 Where briers grew 'midst barren wilds,
shall firs and myrtles spring;
And nature, through its utmost bounds,
eternal praises sing.

XXVII. ISAIAH lvii. 15, 16.

1 THUS speaks the high and lofty One;
ye tribes of earth, give ear;
The words of your Almighty King
with sacred rev'rence hear:
2 Amidst the majesty of heav'n
my throne is fix'd on high;
And through eternity I hear
the praises of the sky:

3 Yet, looking down, I visit oft
the humble hallow'd cell;
And with the penitent who mourn
'tis my delight to dwell;
4 The downcast spirit to revive,
the sad in soul to cheer;
And from the bed of dust the man
of heart contrite to rear.

5 With me dwells no relentless wrath
against the human race;
The souls which I have form'd shall find
a refuge in my grace.

XXVIII. ISAIAH lviii. 5—9.

1 ATTEND, and mark the solemn fast
which to the Lord is dear;
Disdain the false unhallow'd mask
which vain dissemblers wear.
2 Do I delight in sorrow's dress?
saith he who reigns above;
The hanging head and rueful look,
will they attract my love?

3 Let such as feel oppression's load
thy tender pity share:
And let the helpless, homeless poor,
be thy peculiar care.
4 Go, bid the hungry orphan be
with thy abundance blest;
Invite the wand'rer to thy gate,
and spread the couch of rest.

5 Let him who pines with piercing cold
by thee be warm'd and clad;
Be thine the blissful task to make
the downcast mourner glad.
6 Then, bright as morning, shall come
in peace and joy, thy days; [forth,
And glory from the Lord above
shall shine on all thy ways.

XXIX. LAMENT. iii. 37—40.

1 AMIDST the mighty, where is he
who saith, and it is done?
Each varying scene of changeful life
is from the Lord alone.

2 He gives in gladsome bow'rs to dwell,
or clothes in sorrow's shroud;
His hand hath form'd the light, his hand
hath form'd the dark'ning cloud.

3 Why should a living man complain
beneath the chast'ning rod?
Our sins afflict us; and the cross
must bring us back to God.
4 O sons of men! with anxious care
your hearts and ways explore;
Return from paths of vice to God:
return, and sin no more!

XXX. HOSEA vi. 1—4.

1 COME, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.
2 His voice commands the tempest forth,
and stills the stormy wave;
And though his arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.

3 Long hath the night of sorrow reign'd;
the dawn shall bring us light:
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight.
4 Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice.

5 As dew upon the tender herb,
diffusing fragrance round;
As show'rs that usher in the spring,
and cheer the thirsty ground:
6 So shall his presence bless our souls,
and shed a joyful light;
That hallow'd morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night.

XXXI. MICAH vi. 6—9.

1 THUS speaks the heathen: How shall man
the Pow'r Supreme adore?
With what accepted off'rings come
his mercy to implore?
2 Shall clouds of incense to the skies
with grateful odour speed?
Or victims from a thousand hills
upon the altar bleed?

3 Does justice nobler blood demand
to save the sinner's life?
Shall, trembling, in his offspring's side
the father plunge the knife?
4 No: God rejects the bloody rites
which blindfold zeal began;
His oracles of truth proclaim
the message brought to man.

5 He what is good hath clearly shown,
O favour'd race! to thee;
And what doth God require of those
who bend to him the knee?

6 Thy deeds, let sacred justice rule;
thy heart, let mercy fill;
And, walking humbly with thy God,
to him resign thy will.

XXXII. HABAK. iii. 17, 18.

1 WHAT though no flow'rs the fig-tree clothe,
though vines their fruit deny,
The labour of the olive fail,
and fields no meat supply?
2 Though from the fold, with sad surprise,
my flock cut off I see;
Though famine pine in empty stalls,
where herds were wont to be?

3 Yet in the Lord will I be glad,
and glory in his love;
In him I'll joy, who will the God
of my salvation prove.
4 He to my tardy feet shall lend
the swiftness of the roe;
Till, rais'd on high, I safely dwell
beyond the reach of woe.

5 God is the treasure of my soul,
the source of lasting joy;
A joy which want shall not impair,
nor death itself destroy.

XXXIII. MATTH. vi. 9—14.

1 FATHER of all! we bow to thee,
who dwell'st in heav'n ador'd;
But present still through all thy works,
the universal Lord.
2 For ever hallow'd be thy name
by all beneath the skies;
And may thy kingdom still advance,
till grace to glory rise.

3 A grateful homage may we yield,
with hearts resign'd to thee;
And as in heav'n thy will is done,
on earth so let it be.
4 From day to day we humbly own
the hand that feeds us still:
Give us our bread, and teach to rest
contented in thy will.

5 Our sins before thee we confess;
O may they be forgiv'n!
As we to others mercy show,
we mercy beg from Heav'n.
6 Still let thy grace our life direct;
from evil guard our way;
And in temptation's fatal path
permit us not to stray.

7 For thine the pow'r, the kingdom thine;
all glory's due to thee:
Thine from eternity they were,
and thine shall ever be.

XXXIV. MATTH. xi. 25, to the end.

1 THUS spoke the Saviour of the world,
and rais'd his eyes to heav'n:
To thee, O Father! Lord of all,
eternal praise be giv'n.
2 Thou to the pure and lowly heart
hast heav'nly truth reveal'd;
Which from the self-conceited mind
thy wisdom hath conceal'd.

3 Ev'n so! thou, Father, hast ordain'd
thy high decree to stand;
Nor men nor angels may presume
the reason to demand.
4 Thou only know'st the Son: from thee
my kingdom I receive;
And none the Father know but they
who in the Son believe.

5 Come then to me, all ye who groan,
with guilt and fears opprest;
Resign to me the willing heart,
and I will give you rest.
6 Take up my yoke, and learn of me
the meek and lowly mind;
And thus your weary troubled souls
repose and peace shall find.

7 For light and gentle is my yoke;
the burden I impose
Shall ease the heart, which groan'd before
beneath a load of woes.

XXXV. MATTH. xxvi. 26—29.

1 'TWAS on that night, when doom'd to know
The eager rage of ev'ry foe,
That night in which he was betray'd,
The Saviour of the world took bread:
2 And, after thanks and glory giv'n
To him that rules in earth and heav'n,
That symbol of his flesh he broke,
And thus to all his foll'wers spoke:

3 My broken body thus I give
For you, for all; take, eat, and live;
And oft the sacred rite renew,
That brings my wondrous love to view.
4 Then in his hands the cup he rais'd,
And God anew he thank'd and prais'd;
While kindness in his bosom glow'd,
And from his lips salvation flow'd:

5 My blood I thus pour forth, he cries,
To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
In this the covenant is seal'd,
And Heav'n's eternal grace reveal'd.
6 With love to man this cup is fraught,
Let all partake the sacred draught;
Through latest ages let it pour
In mem'ry of my dying hour.

XXXVI. LUKE i. 46—56.

1 MY soul and spirit, fill'd with joy,
my God and Saviour praise,
Whose goodness did from poor estate
his humble handmaid raise.

2 Me bless'd of God, the God of might,
all ages shall proclaim;
From age to age his mercy lasts,
and holy is his name.

3 Strength with his arm th' Almighty
the proud his looks abas'd; [shew'd;
He cast the mighty to the ground,
the meek to honour rais'd.

4 The hungry with good things were
the rich with hunger pin'd: [fill'd,
He sent his servant Isr'el help,
and call'd his love to mind;

5 Which to our fathers' ancient race
his promise did ensure,
To Abrah'm and his chosen seed,
for ever to endure.

XXXVII. LUKE ii. 8—15.

1 WHILE humble shepherds watch'd
their flocks
in Bethleh'm's plains by night,
An angel sent from heav'n appear'd,
and fill'd the plains with light.

2 Fear not, he said, (for sudden dread
had seiz'd their troubled mind;)
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you, and all mankind.

3 To you, in David's town, this day
is born, of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

4 The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
to human view display'd,
All meanly wrapt in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid.

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appear'd a shining throng
Of angels, praising God; and thus
address'd their joyful song:

6 All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
Good-will is shown by Heav'n to men,
and never more shall cease.

XXXVIII. LUKE ii. 25—33.

1 JUST and devout old Simeon liv'd;
to him it was reveal'd,
That Christ, the Lord, his eyes should
ere death his eyelids seal'd. [see

2 For this consoling gift of Heav'n
to Isr'el's fallen state,
From year to year with patient hope
the aged saint did wait.

3 Nor did he wait in vain; for, lo!
revolving years brought round,
In season due, the happy day,
which all his wishes crown'd.

4 When Jesus, to the temple brought
by Mary's pious care,
As Heav'n's appointed rites requir'd,
to God was offer'd there,

5 Simeon into those sacred courts
a heav'nly impulse drew;
He saw the Virgin hold her Son,
and straight his Lord he knew.

6 With holy joy upon his face
the good old father smil'd;
Then fondly in his wither'd arms
he clasp'd the promis'd child:

7 And while he held the heav'n-born
ordain'd to bless mankind, [Babe,
Thus spoke, with earnest look, and
exulting, yet resign'd: [heart

8 Now, Lord! according to thy word,
let me in peace depart;
Mine eyes have thy salvation seen,
and gladness fills my heart.

9 At length my arms embrace my Lord,
now let their vigour cease;
At last my eyes my Saviour see,
now let them close in peace.

10 This great salvation, long prepar'd,
and now disclos'd to view,
Hath prov'd thy love was constant still,
and promises were true.

11 That Sun I now behold, whose light
shall heathen darkness chase,
And rays of brightest glory pour
around thy chosen race.

XXXIX. LUKE iv. 18, 19.

1 HARK, the glad sound, the Saviour
comes!
the Saviour promis'd long;
Let ev'ry heart exult with joy,
and ev'ry voice be song!

2 On him the Spirit, largely shed,
exerts its sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
his holy breast inspire.

3 He comes! the pris'ners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

4 He comes! from dark'ning scales of vice
to clear the inward sight;
And on the eye-balls of the blind
to pour celestial light.

5 He comes! the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
And with the treasures of his grace
t' enrich the humble poor.

6 The sacred year has now revolv'd,
accepted of the Lord,
When Heav'n's high promise is fulfill'd,
and Isr'el is restor'd.

7 Our glad hosannahs, Prince of Peace!
thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heav'n's exalted arches ring
with thy most honour'd name.

XL. LUKE xv. 13—25.

1 THE wretched prodigal behold
in mis'ry lying low,
Whom vice had sunk from high estate,
and plung'd in want and woe.
2 While I, despis'd and scorn'd, he cries,
starve in a foreign land,
The meanest in my father's house
is fed with bounteous hand:

3 I'll go, and with a mourning voice,
fall down before his face:
Father! I've sinn'd 'gainst Heav'n and thee,
nor can deserve thy grace.
4 He said, and hasten'd to his home,
to seek his father's love:
The father sees him from afar,
and all his bowels move.

5 He ran, and fell upon his neck,
embrac'd and kiss'd his son:
The grieving prodigal bewail'd
the follies he had done.
6 No more, my father, can I hope
to find paternal grace;
My utmost wish is to obtain
a servant's humble place.

7 Bring forth the fairest robe for him,
the joyful father said;
To him each mark of grace be shown,
and ev'ry honour paid.
8 A day of feasting I ordain;
let mirth and song abound:
My son was dead, and lives again!
was lost, and now is found!

9 Thus joy abounds in paradise
among the hosts of heav'n,
Soon as the sinner quits his sins,
repents, and is forgiv'n.

XLI. JOHN iii. 14—19.

1 AS when the Hebrew prophet rais'd
the brazen serpent high,
The wounded look'd, and straight were cur'd,
the people ceas'd to die:
2 So from the Saviour on the cross
a healing virtue flows;
Who looks to him with lively faith
is sav'd from endless woes.

3 For God gave up his Son to death,
so gen'rous was his love,
That all the faithful might enjoy
eternal life above.
4 Not to condemn the sons of men
the Son of God appear'd;
No weapons in his hand are seen,
nor voice of terror heard:

5 He came to raise our fallen state,
and our lost hopes restore:
Faith leads us to the mercy-seat,
and bids us fear no more.
6 But vengeance just for ever lies
on all the rebel race,
Who God's eternal Son despise,
and scorn his offer'd grace.

XLII. JOHN xiv. 1—7.

1 LET not your hearts with anxious thoughts
be troubled or dismay'd;
But trust in Providence divine,
and trust my gracious aid.
2 I to my Father's house return;
there num'rous mansions stand,
And glory manifold abounds
through all the happy land.

3 I go your entrance to secure,
and your abode prepare;
Regions unknown are safe to you,
when I, your friend, am there.
4 Thence shall I come, when ages close,
to take you home with me;
There we shall meet to part no more,
and still together be.

5 I am the way, the truth, the life:
no son of human race,
But such as I conduct and guide,
shall see my Father's face.

XLIII. JOHN xiv. 25—28.

1 YOU now must hear my voice no more;
my Father calls me home;
But soon from heav'n the Holy Ghost,
your Comforter, shall come.
2 That heav'nly Teacher, sent from God,
shall your whole soul inspire;
Your minds shall fill with sacred truth,
your hearts with sacred fire.

3 Peace is the gift I leave with you;
my peace to you bequeath;
Peace that shall comfort you through life,
and cheer your souls in death.
4 I give not as the world bestows,
with promise false and vain;
Nor cares, nor fears, shall wound the heart
in which my words remain.

XLIV. JOHN xix. 30.

1 BEHOLD the Saviour on the cross,
a spectacle of woe!
See from his agonizing wounds
the blood incessant flow;
2 Till death's pale ensigns o'er his cheek
and trembling lips were spread;
Till light forsook his closing eyes,
and life his drooping head!

3 'Tis finish'd—was his latest voice;
these sacred accents o'er,
He bow'd his head, gave up the ghost,
and suffer'd pain no more.

4 'Tis finish'd—The Messiah dies
for sins, but not his own;
The great redemption is complete,
and Satan's pow'r o'erthrown.

5 'Tis finish'd—All his groans are past;
his blood, his pain, and toils,
Have fully vanquished our foes,
and crown'd him with their spoils.

6 'Tis finish'd—Legal worship ends,
and gospel ages run;
All old things now are past away;
and a new world begun.

XLV. ROMANS ii. 4—8.

1 UNGRATEFUL sinners! whence this scorn
of God's long-suff'ring grace?
And whence this madness that insults
th' Almighty to his face?

2 Is it because his patience waits,
and pitying bowels move,
You multiply transgressions more,
and scorn his offer'd love?

3 Dost thou not know, self-blinded man!
his goodness is design'd
To wake repentance in thy soul,
and melt thy harden'd mind?

4 And wilt thou rather chuse to meet
th' Almighty as thy foe,
And treasure up his wrath in store
against the day of woe?

5 Soon shall that fatal day approach
that must thy sentence seal,
And righteous judgments, now un-
known,
in awful pomp reveal;

6 While they, who full of holy deeds
to glory seek to rise,
Continuing patient to the end,
shall gain th' immortal prize.

XLVI. ROMANS iii. 19—22.

1 VAIN are the hopes the sons of men
upon their works have built;
Their hearts by nature are unclean,
their actions full of guilt.

2 Silent let Jew and Gentile stand,
without one vaunting word;
And, humbled low, confess their guilt
before heav'n's righteous Lord.

3 No hope can on the law be built
of justifying grace;
The law, that shows the sinner's guilt,
condemns him to his face.

4 Jesus! how glorious is thy grace!
when in thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness
that makes the sinner just.

XLVII. ROMANS vi. 1—7.

1 AND shall we then go on to sin,
that grace may more abound?
Great God, forbid that such a thought
should in our breast be found!

2 When to the sacred fount we came,
did not the rite proclaim,
That, wash'd from sin, and all its stains,
new creatures we became?

3 With Christ the Lord we dy'd to sin;
with him to life we rise,
To life, which now begun on earth,
is perfect in the skies.

4 Too long enthrall'd to Satan's sway,
we now are slaves no more;
For Christ hath vanquish'd death and
our freedom to restore.

XLVIII. ROMANS viii. 31, to the end.

1 LET Christian faith and hope dispel
the fears of guilt and woe;
The Lord Almighty is our friend,
and who can prove a foe?

2 He who his Son, most dear and lov'd,
gave up for us to die,
Shall he not all things freely give
that goodness can supply?

3 Behold the best, the greatest gift,
of everlasting love!
Behold the pledge of peace below,
and perfect bliss above!

4 Where is the judge who can condemn,
since God hath justify'd?
Who shall charge those with guilt or
for whom the Saviour dy'd?

5 The Saviour dy'd, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
And pleads our cause at God's right
omnipotent to save.

6 Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and his love,
Or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heav'n above?

7 Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
Through him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.

8 Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
Can e'er efface us from his heart,
or make his love decay.

9 Each future period that will bless
as it has bless'd the past;
He lov'd us from the first of time,
he loves us to the last.

XLIX. 1 CORINTH. xiii.

1 THO' perfect eloquence adorn'd
my sweet persuading tongue,
Though I could speak in higher strains
than ever angel sung;

2 Though prophecy my soul inspir'd,
and made all myst'ries plain:

Yet, were I void of Christian love,
these gifts were all in vain.

3 Nay, though my faith with boundless
ev'n mountains could remove, [pow'r
I still am nothing, if I'm void
of charity and love.
4 Although with lib'ral hand I gave
my goods the poor to feed,
Nay, gave my body to the flames,
still fruitless were the deed.

5 Love suffers long; love envies not;
but love is ever kind;
She never boasteth of herself,
nor proudly lifts the mind.
6 Love harbours no suspicious thought,
is patient to the bad;
Griev'd when she hears of sins and
and in the truth is glad. [crimes,

7 Love no unseemly carriage shows,
nor selfishly confin'd;
She glows with social tenderness,
and feels for all mankind.
8 Love beareth much, much she believes,
and still she hopes the best;
Love meekly suffers many a wrong,
though sore with hardship press'd.

9 Love still shall hold an endless reign
in earth and heav'n above,
When tongues shall cease, and prophets
and ev'ry gift but love. [fail,
10 Here all our gifts imperfect are;
but better days draw nigh,
When perfect light shall pour its rays,
and all those shadows fly.

11 Like children here we speak and think,
amus'd with childish toys;
But when our pow'rs their manhood
we'll scorn our present joys. [reach,
12 Now dark and dim, as through a glass,
are God and truth beheld;
Then shall we see as face to face,
and God shall be unvail'd.

13 Faith, Hope, and Love, now dwell on
and earth by them is blest; [earth,
But Faith and Hope must yield to Love,
of all the graces best.
14 Hope shall to full fruition rise,
and Faith be sight above:
These are the means, but this the end;
for saints for ever love.

L. 1 CORINTH. xv. 52, to the end.

1 WHEN the last trumpet's awful
voice
this rending earth shall shake,
When op'ning graves shall yield their
and dust to life awake; [charge,
2 Those bodies that corrupted fell
shall incorrupted rise,
And mortal forms shall spring to life
immortal in the skies.

3 Behold what heav'nly prophets sung
is now at last fulfill'd,
That Death should yield his ancient
and, vanquish'd, quit the field. [reign,
4 Let Faith exalt her joyful voice,
and thus begin to sing;
O Grave! where is thy triumph now?
and where, O Death! thy sting?

5 Thy sting was sin, and conscious guilt,
'twas this that arm'd thy dart;
The law gave sin its strength and force
to pierce the sinner's heart:
6 But God, whose name be ever bless'd!
disarms that foe we dread,
And makes us conqu'rors when we die,
through Christ our living head.

7 Then stedfast let us still remain,
though dangers rise around,
And in the work prescrib'd by God
yet more and more abound;
8 Assur'd that though we labour now,
we labour not in vain,
But, through the grace of heav'n's great
th' eternal crown shall gain. [Lord,

LI. 2 CORINTH. v. 1—11.

1 SOON shall this earthly frame, dis-
in death and ruins lie; [solv'd,
But better mansions wait the just,
prepar'd above the sky.
2 An house eternal, built by God,
shall lodge the holy mind,
When once those prison-walls have
by which 'tis now confin'd. [fall'n,

3 Hence, burden'd with a weight of clay,
we groan beneath the load,
Waiting the hour which sets us free,
and brings us home to God.
4 We know, that when the soul, un-
shall from this body fly, [cloth'd,
'Twill animate a purer frame
with life that cannot die.

5 Such are the hopes that cheer the just;
these hopes their God hath giv'n;
His Spirit is the earnest now,
and seals their souls for heav'n.
6 We walk by faith of joys to come,
faith grounded on his word;
But while this body is our home,
we mourn an absent Lord.

7 What faith rejoices to believe,
we long and pant to see;
We would be absent from the flesh,
and present, Lord! with thee.
8 But still, or here, or going hence,
to this our labours tend,
That, in his service spent, our life
may in his favour end.

9 For, lo! before the Son, as judge,
th' assembled world shall stand,

To take the punishment or prize
from his unerring hand.
10 Impartial retributions then
our diff'rent lives await;
Our present actions, good or bad,
shall fix our future fate.

LII. PHILIP. ii. 6—12.

1 YE who the name of Jesus bear,
his sacred steps pursue;
And let that mind which was in him
be also found in you.
2 Though in the form of God he was,
his only Son declar'd,
Nor to be equally ador'd
as robb'ry did regard;

3 His greatness he for us abas'd,
for us his glory vail'd;
In human likeness dwelt on earth,
his majesty conceal'd:
4 Nor only as a man appears,
but stoops a servant low;
Submits to death, nay, bears the cross,
in all its shame and woe.

5 Hence God this gen'rous love to men
with honours just hath crown'd,
And rais'd the name of Jesus far
above all names renown'd:
6 That at this name, with sacred awe,
each humble knee should bow,
Of hosts immortal in the skies,
and nations spread below:

7 That all the prostrate pow'rs of hell
might tremble at his word,
And ev'ry tribe, and ev'ry tongue,
confess that he is Lord.

LIII. 1 THESSAL. iv. 13, to the end.

1 TAKE comfort, Christians, when your friends
in Jesus fall asleep;
Their better being never ends;
why then dejected weep?
2 Why inconsolable, as those
to whom no hope is giv'n?
Death is the messenger of peace,
and calls the soul to heav'n.

3 As Jesus dy'd, and rose again
victorious from the dead;
So his disciples rise, and reign
with their triumphant Head.
4 The time draws nigh, when from the clouds
Christ shall with shouts descend,
And the last trumpet's awful voice
the heav'ns and earth shall rend.

5 Then they who live shall changed be,
and they who sleep shall wake;
The graves shall yield their ancient charge,
and earth's foundations shake.

6 The saints of God, from death set free,
with joy shall mount on high;
The heav'nly hosts with praises loud
shall meet them in the sky.

7 Together to their Father's house
with joyful hearts they go;
And dwell for ever with the Lord,
beyond the reach of woe.
8 A few short years of evil past,
we reach the happy shore,
Where death-divided friends at last
shall meet, to part no more.

LIV. 2 TIM. i. 12.

1 I'M not asham'd to own my Lord,
or to defend his cause,
Maintain the glory of his cross,
and honour all his laws.
2 Jesus, my Lord! I know his name,
his name is all my boast;
Nor will he put my soul to shame,
nor let my hope be lost.

3 I know that safe with him remains,
protected by his pow'r,
What I've committed to his trust,
till the decisive hour.
4 Then will he own his servant's name
before his Father's face,
And in the New Jerusalem
appoint my soul a place.

LV. 2 Tim. iv. 6, 7, 8, 18.

1 MY race is run; my warfare's o'er;
the solemn hour is nigh,
When, offer'd up to God, my soul
shall wing its flight on high.
2 With heav'nly weapons I have fought
the battles of the Lord;
Finish'd my course, and kept the faith,
depending on his word.

3 Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown which cannot fade;
The righteous Judge at that great day
shall place it on my head.
4 Nor hath the Sov'reign Lord decreed
this prize for me alone;
But for all such as love like me
th' appearance of his Son.

5 From ev'ry snare and evil work
his grace shall me defend,
And to his heav'nly kingdom safe
shall bring me in the end.

LVI. TITUS iii. 3—9.

1 HOW wretched was our former state,
when, slaves to Satan's sway,
With hearts disorder'd and impure,
o'erwhelm'd in sin we lay!
2 But, O my soul! for ever praise,
for ever love his name,

Who turn'd thee from the fatal paths
of folly, sin, and shame.

3 Vain and presumptuous is the trust
which in our works we place,
Salvation from a higher source
flows to the human race.
4 'Tis from the mercy of our God
that all our hopes begin;
His mercy sav'd our souls from death,
and wash'd our souls from sin.

5 His Spirit, through the Saviour shed,
its sacred fire imparts,
Refines our dross, and love divine
rekindles in our hearts.
6 Thence rais'd from death, we live anew;
and, justify'd by grace,
We hope in glory to appear,
and see our Father's face.

7 Let all who hold this faith and hope
in holy deeds abound;
Thus faith approves itself sincere,
by active virtue crown'd.

LVII. HEB. iv. 14, to the end.

1 JESUS, the Son of God, who once
for us his life resign'd,
Now lives in heav'n, our great High
and never-dying friend. [Priest,
2 Through life, through death, let us to
with constancy adhere; [him
Faith shall supply new strength, and
shall banish ev'ry fear. [hope

3 To human weakness not severe
is our High Priest above;
His heart o'erflows with tenderness,
his bowels melt with love.
4 With sympathetick feelings touch'd,
he knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations are,
for he has felt the same.

5 But though he felt temptation's pow'r,
unconquer'd he remain'd;
Nor, 'midst the frailty of our frame,
by sin was ever stain'd.
6 As, in the days of feeble flesh,
he pour'd forth cries and tears;
So, though exalted, still he feels
what ev'ry Christian bears.

7 Then let us, with a filial heart,
come boldly to the throne
Of grace supreme, to tell our griefs,
and all our wants make known:
8 That mercy we may there obtain
for sins and errors past,
And grace to help in time of need,
while days of trial last.

LVIII. *Another version of the same passage.*

1 WHERE high the heav'nly temple
stands,
The house of God not made with hands,
A great High Priest our nature wears,
The guardian of mankind appears.
2 He who for men their surety stood,
And pour'd on earth his precious blood,
Pursues in heav'n his mighty plan,
The Saviour and the friend of man.

3 Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother's eye;
Partaker of the human name,
He knows the frailty of our frame.
4 Our fellow-suff'rer yet retains
A fellow-feeling of our pains;
And still remembers in the skies
His tears, his agonies, and cries.

5 In ev'ry pang that rends the heart,
The Man of sorrows had a part;
He sympathizes with our grief,
And to the suff'rer sends relief.
6 With boldness, therefore, at the throne,
Let us make all our sorrows known;
And ask the aids of heav'nly pow'r
To help us in the evil hour.

LIX. HEB. xii. 1—13.

1 BEHOLD what witnesses unseen
encompass us around;
Men, once like us, with suff'ring try'd,
but now with glory crown'd.
2 Let us, with zeal like theirs inspir'd,
begin the Christian race,
And, freed from each encumb'ring weight,
their holy footsteps trace.

3 Behold a witness nobler still,
who trod affliction's path,
Jesus, at once the finisher
and author of our faith.
4 He for the joy before him set,
so gen'rous was his love,
Endur'd the cross, despis'd the shame,
and now he reigns above.

5 If he the scorn of wicked men
with patience did sustain,
Becomes it those for whom he dy'd
to murmur or complain?
6 Have ye like him to blood, to death,
the cause of truth maintain'd?
And is your heav'nly Father's voice
forgotten or disdain'd?

7 My son, saith he, with patient mind
endure the chast'ning rod;
Believe, when by afflictions try'd,
that thou art lov'd by God.
8 His children thus most dear to him,
their heav'nly Father trains,
Through all the hard experience led
of sorrows and of pains.

9 We know he owns us for his sons,
when we correction share;
Nor wander as a bastard race,
without our Father's care.

10 A father's voice with rev'rence we
on earth have often heard;
The Father of our spirits now
demands the same regard.

11 Parents may err; but he is wise,
nor lifts the rod in vain;
His chast'nings serve to cure the soul
by salutary pain.
12 Affliction, when it spreads around,
may seem a field of woe;
Yet there, at last, the happy fruits
of righteousness shall grow.

13 Then let our hearts no more despond,
our hands be weak no more;
Still let us trust our Father's love,
his wisdom still adore.

LX. HEB. xiii. 20, 21.

1 FATHER of peace, and God of love!
we own thy pow'r to save,
That pow'r by which our Shepherd rose
victorious o'er the grave.
2 Him from the dead thou brought'st
when, by his sacred blood, [again,
Confirm'd and seal'd for evermore,
th' eternal cov'nant stood.

3 O may thy Spirit seal our souls,
and mould them to thy will,
That our weak hearts no more may
but keep thy precepts still; [stray,
4 That to perfection's sacred height
we nearer still may rise,
And all we think, and all we do,
be pleasing in thine eyes.

LXI. 1 PET. i. 3—5.

1 BLESS'D be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord;
Be his abounding mercy prais'd,
his majesty ador'd.
2 When from the dead he rais'd his Son,
and call'd him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.

3 To an inheritance divine
he taught our hearts to rise;
'Tis uncorrupted, undefil'd,
unfading in the skies.
4 Saints by the pow'r of God are kept
till the salvation come:
We walk by faith as strangers here;
but Christ shall call us home.

LXII. 2 PET. iii. 3—14.

1 LO! in the last of days behold
a faithless race arise;
Their lawless lust their only rule;
and thus the scoffer cries;
2 Where is the promise, deem'd so true,
that spoke the Saviour near?
E'er since our fathers slept in dust,
no change has reach'd our ear.

3 Years roll'd on years successive glide,
since first the world began,
And on the tide of time still floats,
secure, the bark of man.
4 Thus speaks the scoffer; but his words
conceal the truth he knows,
That from the waters' dark abyss
the earth at first arose.

5 But when the sons of men began
with one consent to stray,
At Heav'n's command a deluge swept
the godless race away.
6 A diff'rent fate is now prepar'd
for Nature's trembling frame;
Soon shall her orbs be all enwrapt
in one devouring flame.

7 Reserv'd are sinners for the hour
when to the gulf below,
Arm'd with the hand of sov'reign pow'r,
the Judge consigns his foe.
8 Though now, ye just! the time appears
protracted, dark, unknown,
An hour, a day, a thousand years,
to heav'n's great Lord are one.

9 Still all may share his sov'reign grace,
in ev'ry change secure;
The meek, the suppliant contrite race,
shall find his mercy sure.
10 The contrite race he counts his friends,
forbids the suppliant's fall;
Condemns reluctant, but extends
the hope of grace to all.

11 Yet as the night-wrap'd thief who lurks
to seize th' expected prize,
Thus steals the hour, when Christ shall
and thunder rend the skies. [come,
12 Then at the loud, the solemn peal,
the heav'ns shall burst away;
The elements shall melt in flame
at Nature's final day.

13 Since all this frame of things must end,
as Heav'n has so decreed,
How wise our inmost thoughts to guard,
and watch o'er ev'ry deed;
14 Expecting calm th' appointed hour,
when, Nature's conflict o'er,
A new and better world shall rise,
where sin is known no more.

LXIII. 1 JOHN iii. 1—4.

1 BEHOLD th' amazing gift of love
the Father hath bestow'd
On us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God!
2 Conceal'd as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
A world that knew not when he came,
ev'n God's eternal Son.

3 High is the rank we now possess;
but higher we shall rise;
Though what we shall hereafter be
is hid from mortal eyes:
4 Our souls, we know, when he appears,
shall bear his image bright;
For all his glory, full disclos'd,
shall open to our sight.

5 A hope so great, and so divine,
may trials well endure;
And purge the soul from sense and sin,
as Christ himself is pure.

LXIV. REV. i. 5—9.

1 TO him that lov'd the souls of men,
and wash'd us in his blood,
To royal honours rais'd our head,
and made us priests to God;
2 To him let ev'ry tongue be praise,
and ev'ry heart be love!
All grateful honours paid on earth,
and nobler songs above!

3 Behold, on flying clouds he comes!
his saints shall bless the day;
While they that pierc'd him sadly mourn
in anguish and dismay.
4 I am the First, and I the Last;
time centres all in me;
Th' Almighty God, who was, and is,
and evermore shall be.

LXV. REV. v. 6, to the end.

1 BEHOLD the glories of the Lamb
amidst his Father's throne;
Prepare new honours for his name,
and songs before unknown.
2 Lo! elders worship at his feet;
the church adores around,
With vials full of odours rich,
and harps of sweetest sound.

3 These odours are the pray'rs of saints,
these sounds the hymns they raise;
God bends his ear to their requests,
he loves to hear their praise.
4 Who shall the Father's record search,
and hidden things reveal?
Behold the Son that record takes,
and opens ev'ry seal!

5 Hark how th' adoring hosts above
with songs surround the throne!
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues;
but all their hearts are one.
6 Worthy the Lamb that dy'd, they cry,
to be exalted thus;
Worthy the Lamb, let us reply,
for he was slain for us.

7 To him be pow'r divine ascrib'd,
and endless blessings paid;
Salvation, glory, joy, remain
for ever on his head!

8 Thou hast redeem'd us with thy blood,
and set the pris'ners free;
Thou mad'st us kings and priests to God
and we shall reign with thee. [
9 From ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tongue,
thou brought'st thy chosen race;
And distant lands and isles have shar'd
the riches of thy grace.
10 Let all that dwell above the sky,
or on the earth below,
With fields, and floods, and ocean's shores,
to thee their homage show. [
11 To Him who sits upon the throne,
the God whom we adore,
And to the Lamb that once was slain,
be glory evermore.

LXVI. REV. vii. 13, to the end.

1 HOW bright these glorious spirits shine!
whence all their white array?
How came they to the blissful seats
of everlasting day?
2 Lo! these are they from suff'rings great,
who came to realms of light,
And in the blood of Christ have wash'd
those robes which shine so bright.

3 Now, with triumphal palms, they stand
before the throne on high,
And serve the God they love, amidst
the glories of the sky.
4 His presence fills each heart with joy,
tunes ev'ry mouth to sing:
By day, by night, the sacred courts
with glad hosannahs ring.

5 Hunger and thirst are felt no more,
nor suns with scorching ray;
God is their sun, whose cheering beams
diffuse eternal day.
6 The Lamb which dwells amidst the throne
shall o'er them still preside; [
Feed them with nourishment divine,
and all their footsteps guide.

7 'Mong pastures green he'll lead his flock,
where living streams appear;
And God the Lord from ev'ry eye
shall wipe off ev'ry tear.

LXVII. REV. xxi. 1—9.

1 LO! what a glorious sight appears
to our admiring eyes!
The former seas have pass'd away,
the former earth and skies.
2 From heav'n the New Jerus'lem comes,
all worthy of its Lord;
See all things now at last renew'd,
and paradise restor'd!

3 Attending angels shout for joy,
and the bright armies sing;
Mortals! behold the sacred seat
of your descending King!

4 The God of glory down to men
removes his bless'd abode;
He dwells with men; his people they,
and he his people's God.

5 His gracious hand shall wipe the tears
from ev'ry weeping eye:
And pains and groans, and griefs and fears,
and death itself, shall die.
6 Behold, I change all human things!
saith he, whose words are true;
Lo! what was old is pass'd away,
and all things are made new!

7 I am the First, and I the Last,
through endless years the same;
I AM, is my memorial still,
and my eternal name.
8 Ho, ye that thirst! to you my grace
shall hidden streams disclose,
And open full the sacred spring,
whence life for ever flows.

9 Bless'd is the man that overcomes;
I'll own him for a son;
A rich inheritance rewards
the conquests he hath won.
10 But bloody hands and hearts unclean,
and all the lying race,
The faithless, and the scoffing crew,
who spurn at offer'd grace;

11 They, seiz'd by justice, shall be doom'd
in dark abyss to lie,
And in the fiery burning lake
the second death shall die.
12 O may we stand before the Lamb,
when earth and seas are fled,
And hear the Judge pronounce our name,
with blessings on our head!

HYMNS.

HYMN I.

1 WHEN all thy mercies, O my God!
my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.
2 O how shall words, with equal warmth,
the gratitude declare
That glows within my ravish'd heart!
but Thou canst read it there.

3 Thy Providence my life sustain'd,
and all my wants redrest,
When in the silent womb I lay,
and hung upon the breast.
4 To all my weak complaints and cries
thy mercy lent an ear,
Ere yet my feeble thoughts had learn'd
to form themselves in pray'r.

5 Unnumber'd comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestow'd,
Before my infant heart conceiv'd
from whom these comforts flow'd.
6 When in the slipp'ry paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran;
Thine arm, unseen, convey'd me safe,
and led me up to man:

7 Through hidden dangers, toils, and deaths,
it gently clear'd my way;
And through the pleasing snares of vice,
more to be fear'd than they.
8 When worn with sickness, oft hast thou
with health renew'd my face;
And, when in sins and sorrows sunk,
reviv'd my soul with grace.

9 Thy bounteous hand with worldly bliss
hath made my cup run o'er;
And, in a kind and faithful friend,
hath doubled all my store.
10 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart,
that tastes these gifts with joy.

11 Through ev'ry period of my life
thy goodness I'll proclaim;
And after death, in distant worlds,
resume the glorious theme.
12 When nature fails, and day and night
divide thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
thy mercy shall adore.

13 Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
For, oh! eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.

HYMN II.

1 THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
2 Th' unweary'd sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's pow'r display;
And publishes to ev'ry land
The work of an Almighty hand.

3 Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And, nightly to the list'ning earth,
Repeats the story of her birth;
4 While all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

5 What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice, nor sound,
Amidst their radiant orbs be found?
6 In Reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing, as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

HYMN III.

1 WHEN rising from the bed of death,
o'erwhelm'd with guilt and fear,
I see my Maker face to face,
O how shall I appear!
2 If yet while pardon may be found,
and mercy may be sought,
My heart with inward horror shrinks,
and trembles at the thought;

3 When thou, O Lord! shalt stand dis-
[clos'd
in majesty severe,
And sit in judgment on my soul,
O how shall I appear!
4 But thou hast told the troubled mind,
who doth her sins lament,
That timely grief for errors past
shall future woe prevent.

5 Then see the sorrows of my heart,
ere yet it be too late;
And hear my Saviour's dying groans,
to give those sorrows weight.
6 For never shall my soul despair
of mercy at thy throne,
Who knows thine only Son has dy'd
thy justice to atone.

HYMN IV.

1 BLEST morning! whose first dawn-
[ing rays
beheld the Son of God
Arise triumphant from the grave,
and leave his dark abode.
2 Wrapt in the silence of the tomb
the great Redeemer lay,
Till the revolving skies had brought
the third, th' appointed day.

3 Hell and the grave combin'd their force
to hold our Lord in vain;
Sudden the Conqueror arose,
and burst their feeble chain.
4 To thy great name, Almighty Lord!
we sacred honours pay,
And loud hosannahs shall proclaim
the triumphs of the day.

5 Salvation and immortal praise
to our victorious King!
Let heav'n and earth, and rocks and seas,
with glad hosannahs ring.
6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

HYMN V.

1 THE hour of my departure's come;
I hear the voice that calls me home;
At last, O Lord! let trouble cease,
And let thy servant die in peace.
2 The race appointed I have run;
The combat's o'er, the prize is won;
And now my witness is on high,
And now my record's in the sky.

3 Not in mine innocence I trust;
I bow before thee in the dust;
And through my Saviour's blood alone
I look for mercy at thy throne.
4 I leave the world without a tear,
Save for the friends I held so dear;
To heal their sorrows, Lord, descend,
And to the friendless prove a friend.

5 I come, I come, at thy command,
I give my spirit to thy hand;
Stretch forth thine everlasting arms,
And shield me in the last alarms.
6 The hour of my departure's come,
I hear the voice that calls me home:
Now, O my God! let trouble cease;
Now let thy servant die in peace.

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